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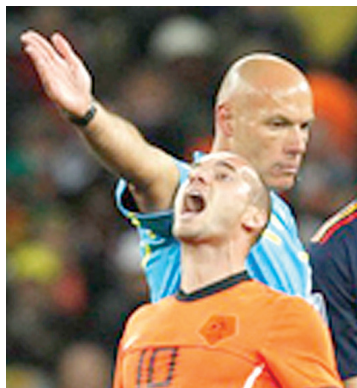
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Police Service of Northern Ireland officers fire plastic baton rounds after they came under attack from petrol bombs thrown by Nationalists in the Ardoyne Area of north Belfast, Northern Ireland, Monday July 12, 2010. *Read more on Page A7*

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Referee Howard Webb of England, center, gestures as Netherlands' Wesley Sneijder, left, reacts to his decision during the World Cup final soccer match between the Netherlands and Spain at Soccer City in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, July 11, 2010. *Read more on Page A15*

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New moratorium not focused on depth

FREDERIC J. FROMMER, Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration issued a new moratorium Monday on deep-water offshore drilling that is no longer based on water depth and stresses new evidence of safety problems, hoping the revised ban will pass muster with the courts after the initial one was rejected. “More than 80 days into the BP oil spill, a pause on deep-water drilling is essential and appropriate to protect communities, coasts, and wildlife from

the risks that deep-water drilling currently pose,” Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in announcing the new moratorium. “I am basing my decision on evidence that grows every day of the industry’s inability in the deep-water to contain a catastrophic blowout, respond to an oil spill, and to operate safely.” The new moratorium was panned by industry groups and supported by environmentalists. Last week, a federal

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In this June 23, 2010 file photo Michael Bromwich, who now heads the government agency that oversees offshore drilling, the Department of Interior’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, left, is seen with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, right, as he testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Associated Press

New al-Qaida threat:

Somali group claims blasts

JASON STRAZIUSO MAX DELANY Associated Press Writers KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — East Africa saw the emergence of a new international terrorist group Monday, as Somalia’s most dangerous al-Qaida-linked militia claimed responsibility for the twin bombings in Uganda that killed 74 people during the World Cup. The claim by al-Shabab, whose fighters are trained by militant veterans of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, resets the security equation in East Africa and has broader implications worldwide. The group in the past has recruited Somali-Americans to carry out suicide bombings in Mogadishu. Al-Shabab has long threatened to attack outside of Somalia’s borders, but the bombings late



Damaged chairs and tables amongst the debris strewn outside the restaurant “Ethiopian village” in Kampala, Uganda, Monday, July 12, 2010 after an explosion at the restaurant late Sunday. Simultaneous explosions tore through crowds watching the World Cup final at a rugby club and an Ethiopian restaurant, killing at least 64 people including one American, officials said. Police feared an al-Qaida-linked Somali militant group was behind the attacks. Associated Press

Sunday are the first time the group has done so. “We warned Uganda not to deploy troops to Somalia, they ignored us,” said Sheik Ali Mohamud Rage, al-Shabab’s spokesman. “We warned them to stop

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Chicago's tough new gun ordinance goes into effect

CHICAGO (AP) — A new gun ordinance in Chicago that officials say is the strictest of its kind in the country went into effect on Monday. The ordinance was pushed through quickly by Mayor Richard Daley and the City Council after the U.S. Supreme Court last month made the city’s 28-year-old handgun ban unenforceable. The top U.S. court ruled that Americans have the right to have guns in their

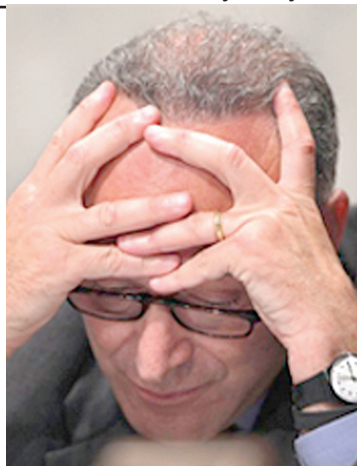
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Senate Judiciary Committee member Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., listens on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 29, 2010, during the committee's hearing for Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan. Associated Press

BETH DeFALCO, Associated Press Writer
TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — Four U.S. senators are pressuring the State Department to push Britain to investigate the circumstances of last year's release of the man convicted of the Lockerbie airliner bombing.

Sens to State Dept:

Push UK on Lockerbie bomber

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi was released from a Scottish prison in September after doctors said the cancer-stricken man had only three months to live.

However, a doctor now says al-Megrahi could live for another decade.

Al-Megrahi had served eight years of a life sentence for the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing of the Pan Am Flight 103 as it flew from London to New York. The bombing killed 270 people, most of them American.

Democrats Kirsten Gillibrand, Charles Schumer, Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez requested the investigation in a

July 7 letter to the U.K.'s ambassador to the U.S.

"The decision by the Scottish government to reject our request to reinvestigate the decision to release this terrorist raises more suspicions as to whether there was a rotten deal between the United Kingdom and the Libya government," Schumer said Monday. "So we're calling on the State Department to put a full-court press on the United Kingdom to return this terrorist to prison."

In his response to the senators, British Ambassador Sir Nigel Sheinwald said due process was followed. "The Justice Committee of the Scottish Parliament

conducted an inquiry into Mr. Megrahi's release earlier this year and concluded that the Scottish Executive's consideration of the case took place in accordance with normal good practice," Sheinwald said. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley could not say if Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had received the letter from the senators seeking the investigation but said the U.S. continues to watch the situation with Megrahi closely.

"We haven't changed our view. We think that the decision to release Mr. Megrahi last summer was a mistake," he told reporters

in Washington.

"There was an expectation from last August that Mr. Megrahi had only a few months to live. We've been on the Megrahi watch since that time," Crowley said. "Every day that he lives as a free man, we think is an affront to the families of and victims of Pan Am 103."



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Haitians get 6 more months to apply to stay in U.S.

JENNIFER KAY,
Associated Press Writer
MIAMI (AP) — As Haiti marked the six month of struggle after a catastrophic earthquake, the U.S. on Monday gave Haitians more time to apply to legally stay and work here so they can support the rebuilding efforts. Haitians already living in the U.S. illegally when the earthquake struck Jan. 12 now have until January to apply for temporary protected status, which allows immigrants from countries experiencing armed conflict or environmental disasters to stay and work in the U.S. for 18 months. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas announced the deadline extension to immigration attorneys and Haitian community advocates who had said their clients could not pay fees totaling \$470 or overcome their fears of U.S. authorities before the original July 20 due date. “We are dealing with individuals in this country, many of whom have suffered tremendous loss in their lives as a result of the tragic earthquake — loss of family, loss of loved ones beyond family, the loss of life savings, the loss of homes — and we are ever mindful of that as we make our decisions as to what humanitarian relief we are able to provide,” Mayorkas said. Roughly 35,500 Haitians

so far have been granted temporary protected status, out of about 55,000 applications — more than half of which have been filed in Florida. The government expects 70,000 to 100,000 Haitians to apply before January. Advocates applauded Mayorkas’ announcement, saying the deadline extension gives them more time to reach immigrants who fear that alerting the U.S. government to their presence will lead to prison or deportation. “The people who haven’t applied face certain challenges — they don’t have the money, they have some issues in their background that make them fearful to come forward or they’re so embedded in the underground world that we’re going to have to do intense outreach, and that’s what we’ll do with these extra days and weeks and months,” said Randy McGrorty, head of the Archdiocese of Miami’s Catholic Legal Services. About 1,200 applicants have been denied temporary protected status because they arrived after the earthquake or had criminal records that made them ineligible, Mayorkas said. Immigration officials urged Haitians who arrived after the earthquake to consider applying to extend the visas they used to evacuate Haiti, or apply for deferred action, which also would allow them to work in the

U.S. Mayorkas said the administration also was reviewing the issue of 55,000 Haitians who have approval to join family members living legally in the U.S. but are waiting for travel documents. Community advocates have pushed U.S. officials to speed up their departures from Haiti. The U.S. granted temporary protected status to Haitians after a magnitude-7 earthquake leveled much of Haiti’s capital and killed as many as 300,000 people. Haitians who miss the deadline will not be able to apply again if the U.S. renews the reprieve for Haiti. The government has for more than a decade renewed reprieves for Central American countries that had to rebuild after a 1998 hurricane. Since the earthquake struck six months ago Monday, the U.S. also temporarily stopped deporting Haitians, even those in detention. About 31,000 Haitians have orders to leave, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Haitian migrants caught at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard continue to be returned to their homeland. More than 600 have been returned since October.



Former U.S. President and U.N. special envoy for Haiti, Bill Clinton, left, shakes hands with the U.S. actor Sean Penn after receiving a medal for the assistance provided to Haiti while Haiti’s President Rene Preval, center, looks on at the National Palace during a memorial ceremony for the six-month anniversary of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Monday, July 12, 2010. Associated Press



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In a Tuesday, June 8, 2010 photo, a deepwater drilling rig operates near the site of the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. A federal judge struck down the Obama administration's six-month ban on deepwater oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, saying the government rashly concluded that because one rig failed, the others are in immediate danger, too. The White House promised an immediate appeal. Associated Press

appeals court rejected the government's effort to restore its initial offshore deep-water drilling moratorium, which was issued after the catastrophic Gulf oil spill in April. The moratorium was blocked first last month by U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman. The Justice Department said Monday that it will file a motion with the U.S.

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District Court seeking a dismissal of that case, because the old moratorium is no longer operative, making the challenge moot. The department also will ask the appeals court to set aside Feldman's order of last month. The Interior Department said that like the original ban, this one applied to most deep-water drilling activities. The department also said the suspensions in the new moratorium "are the product of a new decision by the secretary and new evidence regarding safety concerns, blowout containment shortcomings within the industry, and spill response capabilities that are strained by the BP oil spill." The new moratorium also establishes a process to gather and analyze new information on safety and response issues, which could allow for identifying conditions to resume certain deep-water drilling activities. Unlike the last moratorium, which applied to waters of more than 500 feet, the new one applies to any deep-water floating facility with blowout preventers. The National Ocean Industries Association, an industry trade group for offshore production, said that while the new moratorium does not apply to anchored facilities using surface blowout preventers, "such facilities are generally used in shallow water, which makes the new suspension glaringly similar, if not even more restrictive than the original moratorium. It is not immediately clear how many facilities will be impacted." In a Question & Answer document, the Interior Department said any count represents a snapshot in time. The document said that at the time of the BP

spill, there were 36 floating drilling rigs that would have been affected by the new ban. It was unclear whether the new moratorium would be more or less restrictive than the original one. The offshore industry also complained that while the new moratorium opens the door to lifting the restrictions if industry provides assurance for adequate containment and response, "The problem for industry is that it is unclear what exactly it will take to convince the administration that such capability exists. In a memo to Michael Bromwich, the new head of the department's agency that oversees offshore drilling, Salazar said that the moratorium will give industry time to come up with more effective blowout containment strategies and capabilities for deep-water operations. "I cannot conclude at this time that deep-water drilling can move forward in a safe and environmentally sound manner," he wrote. Salazar also said that one factor in having the moratorium go through Nov. 30 is that hurricane season runs through that date. "During this time of year, as we have already seen this year, the ability to contain and respond to a spill is often compromised by weather conditions," Salazar wrote. Other industry groups and pro-drilling lawmakers also criticized the new moratorium. "It is unnecessary and shortsighted to shut down a major part of the nation's energy lifeline while working to enhance offshore safety," said Jack Gerard, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute. "The new moratorium threatens enormous harm to the nation and to the Gulf region." Sen. Mary Landrieu, a Democrat representing Louisiana in the Senate,

said in testimony to the presidential oil spill panel that she was "alarmed" at the Interior Department's statement that its decision is supported "by an extensive record of existing and new information indicating that allowing new deep-water drilling to commence would pose a threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage to the marine, coastal and human environment." Landrieu said that statement "contradicts testimony given by drilling experts and ignores the history of oil and gas operations in the Gulf." Lawyers for the companies that sued to block the moratorium did not immediately return calls for comment. Todd Hornbeck, CEO of Covington-based Hornbeck Offshore Services, one of the plaintiff companies, said he did not know how the new moratorium would affect deep-water drilling projects. "I've got to review it first," he said. Meanwhile, environmental groups expressed support. Catherine Wannamaker, a lawyer for several environmental groups that support the moratorium, said the new one does not appear to be any less restrictive than the first one. "We continue to believe it's a necessary safety precaution," she said. "The first moratorium was a rational decision made by (Salazar) and should have withstood judicial scrutiny. The new moratorium makes (his) reasoning more explicit and is a step in the right direction." Jacqueline Savitz, senior campaign director for Oceana, an international ocean conservation group, said the administration had no other choice. "We commend the president for putting more drilling on hold," she said.

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Police: 3 dead, 4 wounded in Albuquerque shooting

By SUE MAJOR HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A former employee opened fire at an Albuquerque fiber optics manufacturer Monday, killing two people and wounding four others before turning the gun on himself in what police called a [domestic violence dispute](#). The shooting at Emcore Corp. appeared to involve the 37-year-old gunman's girlfriend, police Chief Ray Schultz said. It was not immediately clear whether she was among the dead. Chaos unfolded as the gunman opened fire, sending employees fleeing for cover as police locked down the entire neighborhood. Police were alerted to the shooting shortly before 9:30 a.m. Five officers were inside the building within three minutes, Schultz said. The Emcore campus was

surrounded by police cars, many arriving with sirens wailing, as helicopters circled overhead. The chief called the Emcore campus "a very secure facility" and said it appeared the gunman forced his way into the building and entered several areas. Schultz said detectives and FBI agents were reviewing surveillance video. "It was a large and complex shooting scene," he said. Schultz said one victim who confronted the gunman was found dead outside the building. The other victims included the gunman, who was found inside, and a person who died at University Hospital. Schultz said the gunman carried a handgun, and investigators were trying to determine if there were additional weapons. No victims' names have been released, and an investigation was continuing. Schultz said the gunman and



Workers in the area of a shooting are taken by city bus away from Emcore Corp., the fiber optic manufacturer located at the office park in the background on Monday, July 12, 2010 in Albuquerque, N.M. Associated Press

his girlfriend had children who live in Rio Rancho and said the youths were taken into custody by "another agency." The chief said there was at least one previous domestic violence call involving the gunman but that

it was outside Albuquerque. He said 226 people were transported by bus from Emcore buildings to a community center, where detectives interviewed them. Employees also were offered grief counseling and treatment for asthma or diabetic conditions. Schultz initially said six were dead, then explained at a later news conference later that the responding officers had seen people down and believed they were dead, then continued into the building to search for the gunman. He characterized it as standard practice when a crime scene could have an active shooter. "You work to get the shooter contained, then you triage the victims. That's what happened here," Schultz said. Officers who arrived later determined some shooting victims had survived. Schultz also said there was confusion at University of [New Mexico](#) hospital, where one victim died but was reported as two deaths. Emcore manufactures

components that allow voice, video and data transmission over fiber optic lines. They also manufacture solar power systems for satellite and ground-based systems. Based in Albuquerque, the company has about 700 full-time employees. In January, a disgruntled worker embroiled in a pension dispute with ABB Group in St. Louis killed three people and wounded five others before killing himself at a company plant. That month in Kennesaw, Ga., a disgruntled employee killed three people and shot two others at a Penske truck rental office. Of the 5,071 workplace fatalities in 2008, 517 were homicides, or about 10 percent of all workplace fatalities that year, according to U.S. Department of Labor Statistics. The department reported the 2008 numbers represent an 18 percent drop in workplace homicides from 2007 and a 52 percent drop from 1994, when 1,080 workplace homicides occurred.

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The ordinance permits residents of the third-largest U.S. city to have only one working gun at a time in their homes and prohibits them from stepping outside, even onto their porches or in their garages, with a handgun. Following the lead of Washington, D.C., which enacted a strict ordinance after the Supreme Court struck down its gun ban two years ago, Chicago also requires prospective gun owners to take a class and receive firearms training.



Left, Chicago Police Superintendent Jody P. Weis, along with Daniel Bartoli, of the firearms training unit, discusses the process for the new firearm ordinance at police headquarters in Chicago Monday July 12, 2010. An ordinance allowing Chicago residents to own handguns took effect Monday, two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court made the city's outright ban unenforceable — but people may still be four months and a couple hundred dollars away from actually having one legally. Associated Press

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massacring our people, and they ignored that. The explosions in Kampala were only a minor message to them. ... We will target them everywhere if Uganda does not withdraw from our land.” Rage said a second country with peacekeeping forces in Mogadishu — Burundi — could soon face attacks. Fighting in Mogadishu between militants and Somali troops or African Union peacekeepers frequently kills civilians. The attacks outside Somalia represent a dangerous new step in al-Shabab’s increasingly militant path and raises questions about its future plans. The U.S. State Department has declared al-Shabab a terrorist organization. Other neighboring nations — Kenya, Djibouti and Ethiopia, along with Burundi — may also face new attacks, analysts say. Despite the threats, Uganda’s army spokesman said the county would not withdraw. “Al-Shabab is the reason why we should stay in Somalia. We have to pacify Somalia,” said Lt. Col. Felix Kulayigye. The death toll in Sunday’s twin blasts rose to 74 on Monday, Ugandan officials said. Investigators combed through the blast sites, one an outdoor screening at a rugby club and the other an Ethiopian restaurant — a nation despised by al-Shabab. Investigators found the severed head of what appeared to be a Somali suicide bomber. A California-based aid group, meanwhile, said one of its American workers was among the dead. Officials said 60 Ugandans, nine Ethiopians or Eritreans, one Irish woman, and one Asian were also among those killed. Two people couldn’t be identified. Eighty-five people were wounded. At least three of the

wounded were in a church group from Pennsylvania who went to an Ethiopian restaurant in Kampala early to get good seats for the game, said Lori Ssebulime, an American who married a Ugandan. Three Ugandans in the group were killed when a blast erupted. One of the wounded was 16-year-old American Emily Kerstetter. “Emily was rolling around in a pool of blood screaming,” said Ssebulime, who has helped bring in U.S. church groups since 2004. “Five minutes before it went off, Emily said she was going to cry so hard because she didn’t want to leave. She wanted to stay the rest of the summer here.” Blood and pieces of flesh littered the floor among overturned chairs at the scenes of the blasts, which went off as people watched the game between Spain and the Netherlands. “We were enjoying ourselves when a very noisy blast took place,” said Andrew Oketa, one of the hospitalized survivors. “I fell down and became unconscious. When I regained, I realized that I was in a hospital bed with a deep wound on my head.” At a wrap-up news briefing Monday in South Africa, FIFA President Sepp Blatter denounced the violence against fans watching the game. “Can you link it to the World Cup? I don’t know... Whatever happened, linked or not linked, it is something that we all should condemn,” he said. Analysts have long feared al-Shabab was turning increasingly violent. The International Crisis Group in May said that if foreign fighters’ influence grew inside al-Shabab, the group’s “rapid transformation into a wholly al-Qaida franchise might become irreversible. That could cause havoc



Thomas Kramer, rests in the International Hospital, Kampala, Uganda, Monday, July 12, 2010. He is one of the five US citizens who was injured in a bomb blast Sunday in an Ethiopian restaurant in Kampala frequented by western expatriates, while watching the final World Cup match. “I never thought that could happen to me” says the fourteen-year-old US boy from Pennsylvania who went with his mother and her church to to help build a wall around a church and school and experience Africa firsthand.

Associated Press

even well beyond Somalia’s borders, and the (Somali government) and the international community cannot choose to be bystanders.” Invisible Children, a San Diego, California-based aid group that helps child soldiers, identified the dead American as one of its workers, Nate Henn, who was killed on the rugby field. Henn, 25, was a native of Wilmington, Delaware. “He sacrificed his comfort to live in the humble service of God and of a better world,” the group said. The FBI sent agents based at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya to assist in the investigation and look into the circumstances of the death of the American citizen, a State Department official in Washington said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the probe. Interpol said in a statement that it was dispatching a team to Uganda. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni toured the blast sites Monday and said that the terrorists behind

the bombings should fight soldiers, not “people who are just enjoying themselves.” “We shall go for them wherever they are coming from,” Museveni said. “We will look for them and get them as we always do.” Kulayigye, the Ugandan army spokesman, said it was too early to speculate about any military response to the attacks. Uganda still plans to host the African Union summit in late July. More than 50 heads of state or government are expected to attend. Ethiopia, which fought two wars with Somalia, is a longtime enemy of al-Shabab and other Somali militants who accuse their neighbor of meddling in Somali affairs. Ethiopia had

troops in Somalia between December 2006 and January 2009 to back Somalia’s fragile government against the Islamic insurgency. Sunday’s terror attacks are not the first to hit East Africa. U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were the targets of deadly twin bombings by al-Qaida in 1998, killing 224 people including 12 Americans. An Israeli airliner and hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, were targeted by terrorists in 2002. The United States worries that Somalia could be a terrorist breeding ground, particularly since Osama bin Laden has declared his support for Islamic radicals there.



Belfast police, Catholic rioters clash over parade

SHAWN POGATCHNIK, Associated Press Writer BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Police battled Irish nationalists for control of a Belfast road Monday as a day dominated by peaceful Protestant parades across Northern Ireland turned violent when night fell. Riot police in helmets and body armor dragged kicking, flailing protesters from the pavement of Crumlin Road even as other protesters packed into side streets pelted police with rocks, bricks and Molotov cocktails. Many of the approximately 100 road-blocking protesters wore white T-shirts bearing the message “PEACEFUL PROTEST,” while the rioters nearby wore balaclava masks, hoods or scarves to conceal their faces. Police deployed a massive mobile water cannon to blast the rioters while a helicopter overhead monitored the mob. Police also fired several snub-nosed plastic bullets to wallop or knock down rioters. An Associated Press reporter saw one teenage rioter holding a brick get knocked off his feet as he prepared to throw it. Blood streamed from his face as he scrambled from the pavement. Other rioters stood further back and threw empty beer bottles blindly over rooftops into police lines. The violence, beside a hard-line Catholic district called Ardoyne, underscores how socially divided Northern Ireland remains despite nearly two decades of peacemaking that has delivered paramilitary cease-fires and a fragile Catholic-Protestant coalition government. It followed daylong parades across Northern Ireland

by the Orange Order, a conservative Protestant brotherhood that each July 12 celebrates its side’s 17th-century military triumphs over Irish Catholics. For the past decade, Ardoyne Catholics have protested — and often attacked — the small Orange parade that passes near the district. Police said they had no doubt that protesters and police were suffering injuries in the latest conflict, but did not expect to have accurate casualty numbers until Tuesday. The violence spread to other working-class parts of Belfast where rival Protestant and Catholic communities live cheek by jowl. Police reported suffering barrages of stones, bottles and Molotov cocktails near the Ormeau Bridge in south Belfast and around Short Strand, an isolated Catholic district in east Belfast. The latest trouble comes on top of rioting in two other Catholic parts of Belfast early Monday. Police said 27 of their officers were hurt during those street battles, including three who suffered pellet wounds from a shotgun blast. Politicians accused Irish Republican Army dissidents opposed to Northern Ireland’s peace process of directing the riots and orchestrating a series of other attacks and threats across the British territory. Masked men in Catholic west Belfast hijacked a bus, ordered it to be abandoned outside a police station, and claimed a bomb had been hidden on the top deck of the bus. British Army explosives experts later declared the threat a hoax. In the town of Lurgan, southwest of Belfast, masked youths in a Catholic district called



Police remove nationalist protesters before an Orange Order march in north Belfast, Northern Ireland, Monday July 12, 2010. Police battled Irish nationalists for control of a Belfast road Monday as a day dominated by peaceful Protestant parades across Northern Ireland turned violent when night fell. Associated Press

Kilwilkie threw Molotov cocktails both at police and at a passenger train stopped in the town. The engineer drove the train away after Molotov cocktails hit the side of one cabin, but it didn’t catch fire and none of the 55 passengers on board was reported hurt. In the nearby town of Armagh, several hundred Irish nationalists in another Catholic district gathered around the burning hulk of a hijacked vehicle. Police monitored that scene but didn’t intervene. Each July, Northern Ireland’s traditional Orange Order parades raise sectarian passions to boiling point. But British restrictions imposed on Orange routes since 1998 have largely stopped the Protestants — accompanied by “kick the pope” bands of tattooed men playing fife and drum — from parading past most Catholic districts. Still, authorities have failed to negotiate alternative routes for some parades, including the one past Ardoyne’s row of shops on Crumlin

Road. The thoroughfare connects one Orange lodge to central Belfast. The disputed Ardoyne parade involves a single Orange lodge of about 30 men and an accompanying band of about 50 men and boys. But it attracts several hundred Protestant supporters to match the Catholic crowds opposed to it, with police caught in the middle each summer. Monday’s parade passed the conflict zone after a two-hour delay. Some marchers in suits and ties shielded themselves with umbrellas as they walked quickly on a roadway littered with stones and broken glass. No marchers appeared to be hit. The Orange Order commemorates July 12 — also known as the Glorious Twelfth, an official holiday in Northern Ireland — as the date when their community, descended largely from 17th-century Scottish settlers, secured their place in northeast Ireland versus Catholic natives. On July 12, 1690, the forces of Protestant King William of Orange

defeated the army of his dethroned Catholic rival, James II, at the Battle of the Boyne south of Belfast. Earlier Monday, at 18 Orange rallying points across Northern Ireland, tens of thousands of Protestants enjoyed impromptu picnics in farm fields as their leaders read religious and political proclamations over loudspeakers. They asserted that William’s 1690 victory “established civil and religious liberty,” while Northern Ireland’s political union with Britain remains “a heritage worthy of being passed down untarnished to future generations.” The Orange Order provides a grass-roots umbrella for Protestants from more than 50 denominations and sects. The order, which forbids its members to marry Catholics or attend Catholic services, was instrumental in establishing Northern Ireland as a new part of the United Kingdom when the predominantly Catholic rest of Ireland won independence from Britain in 1921.

Fidel Castro suddenly back in view on Cuban TV

PAUL HAVEN Associated Press Writer HAVANA (AP) — A relaxed and lucid Fidel Castro returned to the limelight Monday after years spent largely out of public view, discussing world events in a raspy voice in his most prominent television interview since falling seriously ill four years ago. The 83-year-old former president talked about how tension between the United States and both North Korea and Iran could ultimately trigger a global nuclear war in an interview on “Mesa Redondo” — or “Round Table” — a daily Cuban talk show on current events. The revolutionary leader wore a dark blue track suit top over a plaid shirt as he took questions at a desk in a sparsely decorated office at an undisclosed location. It was not immediately clear if the broadcast was live, but Castro referred to a July 5 article as having been published six days ago, which would mean the show was taped on Sunday.

Later, however, the program’s host read from an essay published Sunday evening, referring to it as having come out “last night.” Castro warned that an attack on Iran would be catastrophic for America. “The worst (for America) is the resistance they will face there, which they didn’t face in Iraq,” he said. As the interview progressed, Castro at times showed flashes of his prowess as a powerful speaker. At other points, however, he paused for lengthy periods and shuffled pages in notes he kept in front of him. Later, he listened as the host read back long tracks from essay’s Castro himself wrote recently. The former Cuban leader has shunned the spotlight since undergoing emergency intestinal surgery in July 2006. The illness forced him to step down — first temporarily, and later permanently — and cede power to his younger brother Raul. His recovery has been a closely held state secret,

and his health has been the subject of persistent rumors among exiles in Florida. Castro’s sudden reemergence comes after the dramatic announcement last week that Cuba will free 52 political prisoners in the next few months under a deal with the Roman Catholic Church. The former Cuban leader made no mention of the deal, focusing instead on international events and repeating points he has made in recent essays. Castro remains head of Cuba’s Communist Party and continues to publish his thoughts on world events in opinion pieces called Reflections. While Cubans have become accustomed to reading Castro’s writings, he has stayed largely out of the public eye since ceding power, helping Raul Castro solidify his place as the country’s leader after a lifetime spent in his more famous brother’s shadow. Monday’s highly-anticipated interview was announced in a front-page story in the



Communist-party daily Granma earlier in the day. Castro has appeared in videotaped interviews with Cuban television in June and September 2007. Photos of the elder Castro greeting workers at a science center were published in pro-government blogs and on state media over the weekend, the first time he has been photographed in public since his illness. Cubans reacted with surprise to word of Castro’s relative media blitz. “I think it will have a positive effect on people,” 21-year-old student David Suarez told AP. “It will give hope

that once again he will help to solve our problems.” Magaly Delgado Rojo, a 72-year-old retiree in Havana’s Playa neighborhood, said the appearances must have been carefully thought out by Cuban leadership. “The photos (published over the weekend) and now the Round Table are meant to send a message: ‘I am here and I am on top of everything ... I am a part of every decision that is being made,’” she said. “This is not casual at all. This is calculated.” The two Castros have ruled Cuba since overthrowing dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

Church of England paves the way for women bishops

SYLVIA HUI, Associated Press Writer LONDON (AP) — The Church of England national assembly decided Monday that women should be allowed to become bishops, making only minor concessions to theological conservatives who have threatened to break away over the issue. Dioceses will now consider the draft law, which would leave it up to individual bishops to allow alternative oversight for traditionalists who object to serving under women bishops. The dioceses must report back by 2012 and a final vote by the ruling body, the General Synod, will still be needed, but supporters say a milestone has been passed. “The decision to consecrate women as bishops has been taken,” said church

spokesman Lou Henderson. “Everybody recognized the importance of offering safeguards and assurances to those who find it very difficult (to accept women bishops), but in the end Synod as a whole was not prepared to go as far as the traditionalists would have liked.” The decision was not final and still faced many hurdles. After the dioceses make a decision over the draft law, the Synod will need to hold a final vote to approve it. That could be complicated by the formation and desires of the next incoming assembly, Henderson said. If approved, the first women bishops could be appointed in 2014. The decision is an important step for the governing Synod, which has for decades been



This is a July 2, 2004 file photo of the Very Rev. Jeffrey John at St Albans Abbey in St Albans England. The Church of England may be on the verge of promoting a gay priest to bishop, a step that would widen the split over sexuality in the global Anglican Communion. Associated Press

debating whether to let women become bishops with the same status as male bishops. Traditionalist Anglicans — believing that allowing women to be bishops is contrary to the

Bible — oppose the move and say the decision could result in many leaving the Church of England. Others, however, argue that the church cannot afford to be seen as stuck in the past

with out-of-date values. Anglican churches in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Cuba already have women bishops, Henderson said. The Church of England began ordaining women to the priesthood in 1994. At a meeting at York University over the weekend, the Synod narrowly voted down proposals to impose restrictions on the authority of female bishops. Traditionalists had proposed a structure that guaranteed more conservative parishes would be supervised by male bishops and led by male priests who were not ordained by a female bishop. Under that proposal, the alternative bishop would have had some legally backed independence from a woman bishop.



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Int'l Court charges Sudan president with genocide

MIKE CORDER, Associated Press Writer THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The International Criminal Court on Monday charged Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir with three counts of genocide in Darfur, a move that will pile further diplomatic pressure on his isolated regime. The decision marked the first time the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal has issued genocide charges. An arrest warrant for al-Bashir said there were "reasonable grounds to believe" that since April 2003 Sudanese forces attempted genocide against the Darfur tribal groups Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa. Last year, judges issued a warrant against the president for crimes against humanity, but refused to indict al-Bashir on genocide charges as sought by prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo. The prosecutor appealed that ruling, and four months ago an appellate court ruled that the lower court's decision was legally wrong. Prosecutors then filed their case again, and on Monday judges issued an arrest warrant charging al-Bashir with three counts

of genocide: by killing, by causing mental and physical harm, and "by deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about physical destruction." David Crane, the former chief prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone who indicted ex-Liberian leader Charles Taylor, called the decision a "proper step forward" that completes prosecutors' picture of atrocities in Darfur. "It is an odd presentation if the genocide was not allowed to go forward," said Crane, who is now a law professor at Syracuse University. "They would almost have to dance around the obvious. Now we have a complete indictment that captures all the offenses that have taken place." Genocide, the gravest crime in international law, requires proof of an intent to wipe out "in whole or in part" a racial, religious or ethnic group. Moreno Ocampo accuses al-Bashir of keeping 2.5 million refugees from specific ethnic groups in Darfur in camps "under genocide conditions, like a gigantic Auschwitz." Al-Bashir, who was re-elected to a new five-year term earlier this year, refuses to recognize

the court's authority and has repeatedly said he will not turn himself in to stand trial. He was charged in March 2009 with five counts of crimes against humanity and two of war crimes for allegedly orchestrating atrocities in Darfur. The court has no police force of its own and relies on international cooperation to arrest suspects. Al-Bashir has flown to friendly nations since his original arrest warrant was issued. However, he has curtailed his travel to other parts of the world, fearing he could be arrested in countries that are prepared to execute the court's warrants. The United Nations estimates 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million have been forced from their homes since ethnic African rebels rose up in 2003, accusing Sudan's Arab-dominated central government of neglect and discrimination. Al-Bashir's hardline regime threw out 13 international aid agencies working in Darfur when the court first indicted him, further compounding the humanitarian crisis in Darfur. Moreno Ocampo, who was not available for comment Monday, said then that



In this May 27, 2010 file photo, Sudan's president Omar al-Bashir gestures prior to being sworn in, at the parliament in Khartoum, Sudan. On Monday, July 12, 2010, the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, charged Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir with three counts of genocide in Darfur, a move that will pile further diplomatic pressure on his isolated regime. The decision marked the first time the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal has issued genocide charges. Associated Press

the ejection of aid groups confirmed that al-Bashir's "intention is the physical destruction of these people." In an interview with The Associated Press last month at the United Nations, Moreno Ocampo said he was sure al-Bashir would one day appear in his court in The Hague. "The destiny of Bashir is to face justice," he said. Whether it "will be five years, 10 years, 15 years, he will face justice. The problem

is how many people will die, how many people will be raped? Justice can wait. Stopping the crimes cannot." Crane, who had to wait two years from the time he unsealed an indictment against Taylor to his arrest, agreed. "It is a matter of time and frankly I think President Bashir knows it's a matter of time," Crane said. "He will be handed over. It is just a matter of when that political decision is made."

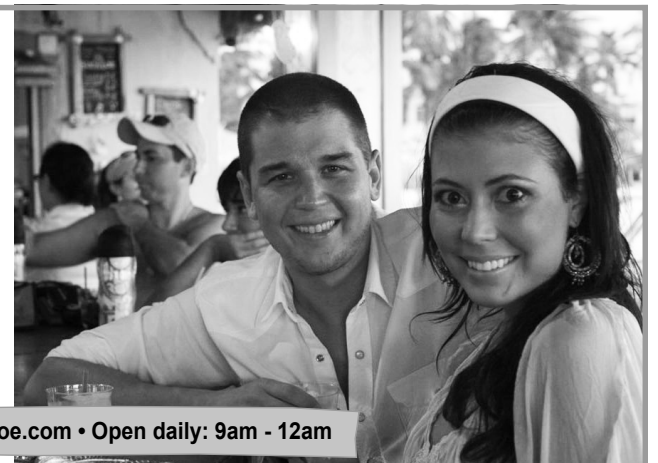


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Polanski free, Swiss reject US extradition request



Roman Polanski was declared a free man on Monday after Switzerland rejected a U.S. request to extradite him to be sentenced for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl. The Swiss government blamed the decision on U.S. authorities, saying they had failed to address defense arguments that the 76-year-old filmmaker had actually served his sentence before fleeing Los Angeles three decades ago. Nine months after arresting Polanski, the Swiss Justice Ministry said U.S. officials should have backed up their request by providing confidential testimony about Polanski's sentencing procedure in L.A. "Mr. Polanski can now move freely," Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf declared. "He's a free man." The stunning decision could end the United States' long pursuit of Polanski. France, where he has spent much of his time, does not extradite its own citizens and Polanski has had little trouble traveling

throughout Europe — even if he's stayed away from Britain. The U.S. cannot appeal the decision, but Polanski is still a fugitive in the United States. "That warrant remains outstanding," Los Angeles Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini said, adding that Polanski could be arrested and sent back to the U.S. if he traveled to another country that has an extradition deal with the United States. The U.S. Justice Department declined to comment on its next steps. The Swiss decision was praised by senior government officials in France and Poland, where Polanski holds dual citizenship. But there was criticism from groups representing victims of sexual abuse. The Oscar-winning director of "Rosemary's Baby," "Chinatown" and "The Pianist" was accused of plying his victim with champagne and part of a Quaalude during a 1977 modeling shoot and raping her. He was initially indicted on six felony counts,

including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy, but pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse.

In exchange, the judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sentence him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation. However, he was released after 42 days by an evaluator who deemed him mentally sound and unlikely to offend again. The judge responded by saying he was going to send Polanski back to jail for the remainder of the 90 days and that afterward he would ask Polanski to agree to a "voluntary deportation." Polanski then fled the country on the eve of his Feb. 1, 1978, sentencing.

The Swiss government's main argument concerned confidential testimony given on Jan. 26 by Roger Gunson, the Los Angeles attorney in charge of the original prosecution against Polanski. The Swiss asked for the transcript, but Washington rejected the request.

Based on references to Gunson's testimony in U.S. courts, the Swiss said it "should prove" that Polanski served his sentence after undergoing the diagnostic study. "If this were the case, Roman Polanski would actually have already served his sentence and therefore both the proceedings on which the U.S. extradition request is founded and the request itself would have no foundation," the ministry said.

The Justice Ministry said its decision reflected the spirit of the law, as U.S. authorities hadn't pursued Polanski in Switzerland previously, even though he's often visited the country and bought a house here in 2006.

L.A. construction mogul wants to rebuild Miramax

Ronald Tutor has always loved going to the movies. As a child growing up in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, he not only saw films but got a taste of business through his mother, who once headed the ladies' wardrobe department at Universal Studios. Eventually, however, he followed his father into the construction business, where he went on to make his fortune. Now Tutor, the 69-year-old chairman and CEO of Tutor Perini Corp, will personally invest about \$200 million in partnership with Colony Capital and others to purchase Miramax Films from Disney for more than \$650 million. While careful not to go into detail about Miramax because of a nondisclosure agreement as the deal awaits settlement, he said he believed it would be a good business deal. "Am I excited about making movies? No!" he said. "Will we have no alternative but to make a certain level of movies? The answer is yes because a library of this magnitude will require it. But I'm still not enamored of the 'movie business.' What I like is that in a business sense, this is a particularly good library, and I like it." Tutor has been investing in movies and movie companies for the past seven years with his now-estranged friend David Bergstein, a controversial financier who will not be involved in the Miramax deal. In 2006, the duo bought the venerable London-based Capitol Films and the smartly run indie ThinkFilm, which netted an Oscar for the documentary "Taxi to the Dark Side" and a nomination for "Half Nelson." However, what started out as a grand vision spiraled into controversy, losses, lawsuits and a federal involuntary bankruptcy proceeding, costing millions -- most of it money Tutor invested or guaranteed. Now, although he vowed just nine months ago that he was done with movie investments, Tutor is plunging in deeper than ever. "I was always fascinated with the business and developed a curiosity," he said. "Now a lot of that curiosity was put to bed, frankly, with David Bergstein and our role together. Really, and unfortunately, a lot of negatives came out of it. But as a result of what I learned, most of it the hard way and expensively, I suppose that's what led me to valuing the Miramax library as I did." When news of the bid broke in March, it was Bergstein who was seen as bidding, with Tutor again his silent partner. As opposition mounted to their involvement, Bergstein shifted to adviser. In mid-June, Bergstein's role was quietly diminished again when Tutor brought into the deal as a partner his friend of two decades, Thomas Barrack Jr. Barrack is the CEO of Colony Capital, a well-heeled investment firm he founded in 1991, most famous in Hollywood until now as a lender to Michael Jackson and later to photographer Annie Leibovitz. (Bergstein did not return a call seeking comment, while Colony declined comment.)

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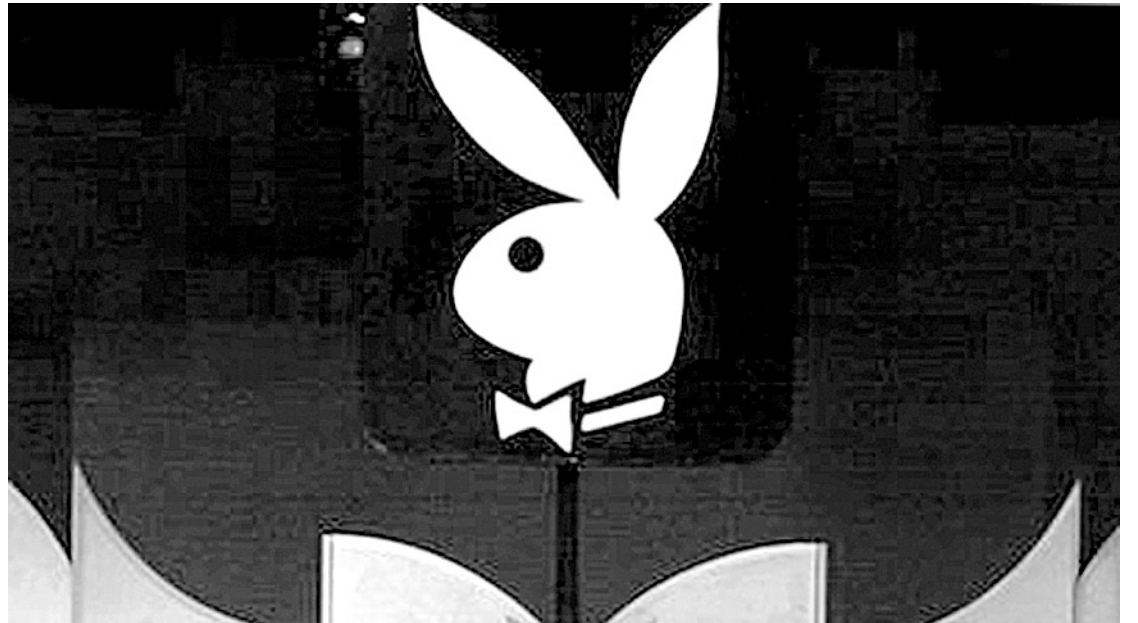
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Bunny bid: Hefner offers to buy rest of Playboy

By ANDREW VANACORE
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CHICAGO – [Hugh Hefner](#)

wants to buy out the portion of the Playboy empire he doesn't already own in a bet that the iconic brand can still bring in profits even if the ink-on-paper magazine is past its prime. Hefner, who founded [Playboy magazine](#) more than a half-century ago, is apparently not alone in thinking Playboy can keep swinging into the digital age. A few hours after Playboy Enterprises Inc. announced Hefner's offer Monday, the corporate parent of rival Penthouse magazine said it will also make a bid. But it does not appear that the silk pajama-clad 84-year-old — who owns about 70 percent of the company's voting shares and 28 percent of the nonvoting stock — will budge. [Playboy](#) said Hefner made it clear in his buyout proposal that he is not interested in a sale or merger. The company said Hefner expressed concern that selling Playboy could threaten the brand and its legacy. [Hefner](#) has instead proposed joining up with a little-known private equity firm, Rizvi Traverse Management LLC, to take Playboy private. The offer comes as print advertising is in a tailspin and the company has stretched its brand thin trying to wring profits through leasing its famous bunny ears for everything from cigars to slot machines. Hefner, who serves as Playboy's editor-in-chief and chief creative officer, is offering \$5.50 per share

in cash, a nearly 40 percent premium above Friday's closing stock price of \$3.94. Shares of the company gained 41 percent Monday. Based on the number of shares outstanding on April 30, Hefner's proposal is worth \$122.5 million and values the company at about \$185 million. Playboy, which is headquartered in Chicago, described Hefner's offer letter as a proposal and said there was no guarantee it would get any formal bid from Hefner. But Playboy said Hefner indicated that Rizvi Traverse has been in touch with "major lenders regarding potential financing" and is "highly confident ample financial resources will be available to complete the transaction." The firm declined further comment, and Hefner did not respond to requests for an interview. If the deal goes through, Hefner will have a major turnaround effort on his hands. The [racy magazine](#) that Hefner launched in 1953 had its most popular years back in the 1970s. It has struggled to lure readers and advertisers as the Internet supplants print as the top purveyor of adult content. Falling revenue has forced several rounds of layoffs at the company since 2008. Playboy magazine, which along with its websites generated 44 percent of the company's \$240 million in revenue last year, sold 311 ad pages for its U.S. editions last year, down from 765 in 2000, according to the Publishers Information Bureau. Its average circulation has fallen by



This file photo made June 19, 2004, shows the Playboy trademark image in Los Angeles. Playboy Enterprises Inc. said Monday, July 12, 2010, that its iconic founder Hugh Hefner is offering to buy the remaining shares of the media empire, taking the company private, in a deal that values the company at \$185 million.

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about a million copies over the same period to 2.02 million. That's down from more than 5.6 million in 1975. These days, most of the company's income is drawn from licensing the [Playboy brand](#) for consumer products such as men's underwear, women's lingerie, watches and energy drinks. Its licensing unit reported income of \$21 million last year, followed by \$9.9 million from the company's television properties and just \$1.6 million from the magazine and its Web site. Factoring in corporate overhead, costs related to layoffs and write-downs on the value of its assets, Playboy reported a net loss of \$51.3 million in 2009. The company's stock price has tumbled since hitting a peak in 1999 of more than \$32. It traded between \$2.30 and \$5.22 over the past year before jumping \$1.61 to close at \$5.55 on the potential buyout Monday. Looking ahead, Playboy's strategy of relying on

licensing for profits is a risky one, warned Laura Ries, president of the marketing strategy firm Ries & Ries in Atlanta. She said Playboy has lent its brand too freely. "It's like pouring water into beer," she said. "It really dilutes what it is to be a playboy." But Ries said going private could be a good move, allowing the company to work on building the brand without the pressure to hit quarterly earnings targets. Not surprisingly, Marc Bell, the CEO of Penthouse owner FriendFinder, said he is interested in Playboy more for the brand's potential on the Web and mobile gadgets than the iconic printed magazine. "The real focus is on the digital side," Bell said. Though he said shutting down the print magazine would be a bad idea, he added, "It needs to be run like a 21st century company." It is not clear what resources privately held FriendFinder has to put behind its bid.

FriendFinder, which also runs other adult and dating websites, produces adult videos and licenses adult content, shelved its plans to go public earlier this year, blaming the poor market conditions. Executives had hoped to raise at least \$200 million in the transaction. Bell had acquired Penthouse as part of a 2003 bankruptcy reorganization that also saw the resignation of founder Robert Guccione as the company's CEO. Bell declined to give any specifics on his offer, which he said would come soon. Bob Guccione Jr., who founded Spin magazine and whose father started Penthouse to compete with Playboy in 1965, said whoever leads the magazine is going to have to update its sensibility. "It has to be modernized," Guccione said. "It should acknowledge the modern woman, who is more equal, more independent and not just interested in getting married — and by the way far more sexy and interesting."

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Rebecca Soni swims to a win in the women's 100-meter breaststroke during the Los Angeles Grand Prix on Sunday, July 11, 2010, in Los Angeles.

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Conger's 3-run HR lifts U.S. team to Futures win

JANIE McCAULEY, AP Baseball Writer ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Hank Conger hit a three-run homer as the United States ended a three-year losing streak in the Major League Baseball Futures Game with a 9-1 win over the World squad on Sunday. Eric Hosmer doubled among his four hits and drove in two runs for the U.S. in a game showcasing top prospects from all of MLB's minor leagues—featuring 50 players representing 10 countries. The World team committed four errors, twice allowing 18-year-old Los Angeles Angels prospect Mike Trout to reach base. Trout, the youngest player participating,

also doubled in the eighth. Conger's clout off Henderson Alvarez provided the highlight in an exhibition event that gives most of these young men their first exposure to playing on the big stage in a major league ballpark. Conger was picked most valuable player. U.S. third baseman Mike Moustakas nearly turned a pretty double play in the second when he lunged to his right and made a backhanded stop of a sharp grounder by Wilin Rosario. The World's lone run scored on the play. The World team had won the past three Futures Games, becoming the first squad to do so in the event's history. This marked the 12th year MLB has showed off its rising stars during All-Star week.



While waiting for their travel visas, members of the Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse team prepare for a team picture in Times Square, New York, Monday, July 12, 2010. The 23 players on the Iroquois Indian lacrosse team cannot fly to England for what's considered the Olympics of the sport because the U.S. government won't allow them to re-enter the country on Iroquois nation passports, based on a treaty signed by George Washington. Associated Press

Soni, Coughlin, Hoff win at Los Angeles Grand Prix

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rebecca Soni defeated Jessica Hardy to win the 100-meter breaststroke in a showdown between the two fastest women ever in the event at the Los Angeles Grand Prix on Sunday. Soni extended her lead over the final 50 to win in a meet-record time of 1 minute, 6.23 seconds. Fellow American Hardy touched in 1:08.61. "It's always fun for me to be ahead at the 50, than to have to come back from behind like I usually do," said Soni, who won the 200 breaststroke a day earlier. "I was going for a 1:06. The 100 is a little easier for me to be consistent in." Olympic champion Kosuke Kitajima of Japan completed a sweep of the men's breaststroke events, winning the

100 in a meet record of 1:00.82 on the University of Southern California campus. He and Michael Alexandrov of Bulgaria were neck-and-neck for the first 50 before Kitajima pulled away. Alexandrov was second in 1:01.35. Dana Vollmer broke her own meet record in winning the 100 butterfly in 57.39 seconds, a full second under her old time from 2007. Olympic silver medalist Christine Magnuson was second in 58.87. Two-time Olympian Katie Hoff led all the way in winning the 200 freestyle, touching in 1:57.58. Hoff won the 400 free on Saturday. "It's kind of clicked for me at this meet, and I'm relieved and excited for everything to finally come together," she said. "It kind

of gives me the boost I need heading into nationals." Two-time defending Olympic champion Natalie Coughlin won the 100 back in 1:00.52, edging Rachel Bootsma. "That was the fastest I've been out all season," Coughlin said. "I like it to be faster, and hopefully when I get a little rest in the next three weeks it will be at nationals." Other winners were Michael Klueh in the 800 free; Bonnie Brandon in the 1,500 free; David Russell in the 100 back; Masayuki Kishida of Japan in the 100 fly; and Olympian Markus Rogan of Austria in the 200 individual medley. Olympian Chloe Sutton accumulated the most points during the eight-meet USA Swimming Grand Prix Series and won the prize of \$20,000.

U.S. rule could keep Iroquois from world lacrosse tourney

EVA DOU VERENA DOBNIK Associated Press Writers NEW YORK (AP) — The Iroquois helped invent lacrosse, but their team might not travel to England for the sport's world championship because of a dispute over the validity of their passports. The 23 players have passports issued by the Iroquois Confederacy, a group of six Indian nations overseeing land that stretches from upstate New York into Ontario, Canada.

The U.S. government says it will only let players back into the country if they have U.S. passports, a team official said. The British government, meanwhile, won't give the players visas if they cannot guarantee they'll be allowed to go home, the official said. The Iroquois team members born within U.S. borders have been offered U.S. passports, but the players refuse to carry them because they see the government-issued documents as an attack on their identity,

said Tonya Gonnella Frichner, a member of the Onondaga Nation who works with the team. "It's about sovereignty, citizenship and self-identification," said Frichner, who also is the North American Regional Representative to the U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The Iroquois have used their own passports in the past, but State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the new dispute can be traced to the Western

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NL Roundup

Santana, Mets shut out Braves

NEW YORK (AP)—Johan Santana went seven innings in another spotless start, playing the key role in the New York Mets' 3-0 shutout of the Atlanta Braves in the National League on Sunday.

Santana (7-5) was coming off a three-hit shutout of Cincinnati on Tuesday. He outpitched Braves starter Derek Lowe (9-8), who lasted only 5 1-3 innings.

New York rookie Ike Davis hit a long home run, while Alex Cora and pinch-hitter Josh Thole delivered RBI singles with two outs, and Angel Pagan had three of New York's 13 hits.

The Mets lead the majors in shutouts, with 13.

Padres 9, Rockies 7

In Denver, pitcher Matt Belisle's bases-loaded throwing error led to two unearned runs in the eighth inning, giving San Diego victory over Colorado.

Everth Cabrera hit his first homer of the season in the ninth for San Diego.

Scott Hairston matched a career high with four hits in helping the NL West-leading Padres gain a two-game cushion over second-place Colorado, which had won six straight.

Heath Bell got the five outs for his 24th save in 27 chances.

Belisle (4-4) ended up with the loss, while San Diego reliever Luke Gregerson (3-5) earned the win.

Phillies 1, Reds 0, 11 in-

nings

In Philadelphia, Cole Hamels held Cincinnati scoreless into the eighth inning as Philadelphia completed a four-game sweep of the NL Central-leading Reds.

Hamels (7-7) didn't allow a run for the first time in 18 starts this season. J.C. Romero fanned the only batter he faced in the ninth, and Brad Lidge got the final two outs for his sixth save.

It's the first time Philadelphia has had consecutive 1-0 wins since 1913, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Jimmy Rollins got the sole RBI with an 11th inning single after Reds starter Travis Wood took a perfect game into the ninth.

Dodgers 7, Cubs 0

In Los Angeles, Vicente Padilla pitched eight scoreless innings to steer Los Angeles to a comfortable win over Chicago. Padilla (4-2) struck out six and walked one in his longest outing of the season, improving to 3-0 with a 1.25 ERA in his past three starts.

James Loney hit a three-run homer off Carlos Silva before the Cubs pitcher was ejected in the second inning of baseball's last game before the All-Star break. The Dodgers and are tied with Colorado for second in the NL West, two games behind surprising San Diego. The sluggish Cubs finished the first half 9½ games off

NL Central-leading Cincinnati. Giants 6, Nationals 2

In Washington, Travis Ishikawa drove in three runs as San Francisco downed Washington.

Buster Posey had two RBIs for San Francisco, while Madison Bumgarner (2-2) allowed just one run in six-plus innings, walked none and struck out six.

Washington's Livan Hernandez (6-5) struggled through five innings, yielding five runs and five hits.

Cardinals 4, Astros 2

In Houston, Matt Holliday hit a three-run homer as St. Louis finally came to grips with Houston starter Wandy Rodriguez.

Colby Rasmus drove in a run with a pinch-hit single for the visitors' other score.

St. Louis' Blake Hawsworth (3-5) yielded two runs in 5 1-3 innings to get the win in his fifth major league start.

Rodriguez (6-11) retired the first 10 batters he faced before allowing three runs with six strikeouts. Rodriguez has won four straight.

Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Jorge Cantu doubled in a run for Florida, which beat Arizona and ended its 13-game road trip on a high.



New York Mets starting pitcher Johan Santana delivers in the first inning against the Atlanta Braves in a baseball game in New York, Sunday, July 11, 2010.

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Dan Uglia had an RBI single for the Marlins, who went 7-6 on the trip.

Burke Badenhop (1-5) threw just two pitches in relief of starter Alex Sanabia but got the victory.

The Diamondbacks outhit Florida 8-5 but were stung by three double plays, one with the bases loaded, and stranded six runners. Barry Enright (1-2) allowed both runs in five innings.

Pirates 6, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, Corey Hart hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to give the Brewers a three-game sweep and hand Pittsburgh its sixth straight loss.

The Brewers trailed 5-4

when Jim Edmonds led off the ninth with a ground-rule double. After a flyout, Hart sent an Octavio Dotel (2-2) pitch over the wall in left for his second game-ending home run of the season.

John Axford (5-1) allowed a run in the ninth but picked up the win.

In other NL games it was N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 0; Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 0; San Francisco 6, Washington 2; St. Louis 4, Houston 2; Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 5; San Diego 9, Colorado 7; Florida 2, Arizona 0;

and L.A. Dodgers 7,

Chicago Cubs 0.

AL Roundup

Successive home runs lift Red Sox over Blue Jays



Toronto Blue Jays catcher John Buck, left hangs his head as Boston Red Sox's Darnell McDonald, center, celebrates his two run home run during the sixth inning in a baseball game in Toronto on Sunday, July 11, 2010; and Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, celebrates a go-ahead solo home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Darnell McDonald and David Ortiz hit back-to-back home runs to power the Boston Red Sox to a 3-2 win over the Toronto Blue Jays in the American League on Sunday. Boston starter Daisuke Matsuzaka (6-3) won for the first time in more than a month, allowing two runs in six-plus innings, walking none and striking out five. The Red Sox lost All-

Star third baseman Adrian Beltre in the sixth with a strained left hamstring. Aaron Hill connected for Blue Jays, who lead the major leagues with 136 homers. Marco Scutaro ended Toronto starter Jesse Litsch's no-hit bid in the sixth with a two-out double. Litsch (0-4) then gave up homers to McDonald and Ortiz. **Twins 6, Tigers 3** In Detroit, Michael Cuddyer

drove in a pair of runs to help Minnesota down Detroit and end a run of four defeats. Twins starter Carl Pavano (10-6) pitched into the eighth inning, improving to 5-0 in his past seven starts. He allowed three runs, walked one and struck out six. Tigers pitcher Andrew Oliver dropped to 0-3 in four career starts, after giving up four runs and four walks in 4 2-3 innings. **Yankees 8, Mariners 2** In Seattle, C.C. Sabathia allowed just one run in seven innings and joined Tampa Bay's David Price as the only 12-game winners in the AL, as New York roughed up Seattle. Sabathia (12-3) won his eighth straight decision and made it look easy. After consecutive singles in the second inning, Sabathia set down the next 11 before a single leading off the sixth. Meanwhile, the Yankees rocked Mariners starter Ryan Rowland-Smith for six runs in just four innings. Rowland-Smith (1-9) wasn't

helped by two errors that allowed two unearned runs in the first inning. **Athletics 5, Angels 2** In Oakland, Jack Cust homered for the second time in three games as Oakland overcame Los Angeles. Adam Rosales added a two-run single for the A's. Trevor Cahill (9-3), Oakland's lone All-Star representative before closer Andrew Bailey was added to the AL roster Sunday, worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the sixth without allowing a run to earn the win. Bobby Abreu homered for the second straight day for the Angels, who ended their dismal road trip 1-6. L.A. starter Jared Weaver (8-5) lost for only the second time in his past six starts. **White Sox 15, Royals 5** In Chicago, Carlos Quentin hit a grand slam and a solo homer as Chicago surged into first place in the AL Central with a rout of Kansas City. Andruw Jones hit his 400th

career homer during a seven-run, four homer third inning for Chicago, which moved atop the division after trailing the Twins by 9½ games on June 8. Alex Rios and Dayan Viciedo also homered for the White Sox, who have won eight straight and 25 of 30. Chicago moved a half-game ahead of Detroit for first. Royals starter Anthony Lerew (1-3), subbing for Zack Greinke (sore shoulder), got two outs in the third inning then was tagged for four home runs. Chicago's Tony Pena (3-1) pitched three-hit ball for three innings to take the win. **Rays 6, Indians 5, 10 innings.** In St. Petersburg, Jason Bartlett hit a game-ending single over a drawn-in outfield in the 10th inning, lifting Tampa Bay over Cleveland. With one out in the 10th, Carl Crawford stole second. Kerry Wood (1-4) then intentionally walked Evan Longoria before Bartlett's winner. Crawford homered for the Rays, while Andy Sonnanstine (2-0) pitched a perfect 10th for the win. **Orioles 4, Rangers 1** In Arlington, Corey Patterson had another homer against Texas as Baltimore completed a rare four-game road sweep of the Rangers. The Orioles go into the All-Star break with the worst record in the majors and hadn't won any of their 14 road series this season before getting to Texas. But now they have their first four-game road sweep for 15 years. Baltimore rookie Jake Arrieta (3-2) pitched into the seventh, limiting Texas to one run. Rangers starter C.J. Wilson (7-5) had won his previous four home starts, but threw only 60 of his 111 pitches for strikes during an inconsistent 4 2-3 innings. He walked five and threw three wild pitches. **In other AL games it was** Minnesota 6, Detroit 3; Boston 3, Toronto 2; Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5, 10 innings; Chicago White Sox 15, Kansas City 5; Baltimore 4, Texas 1; Oakland 5, L.A. Angels 2; and N.Y. Yankees 8, Seattle 2.

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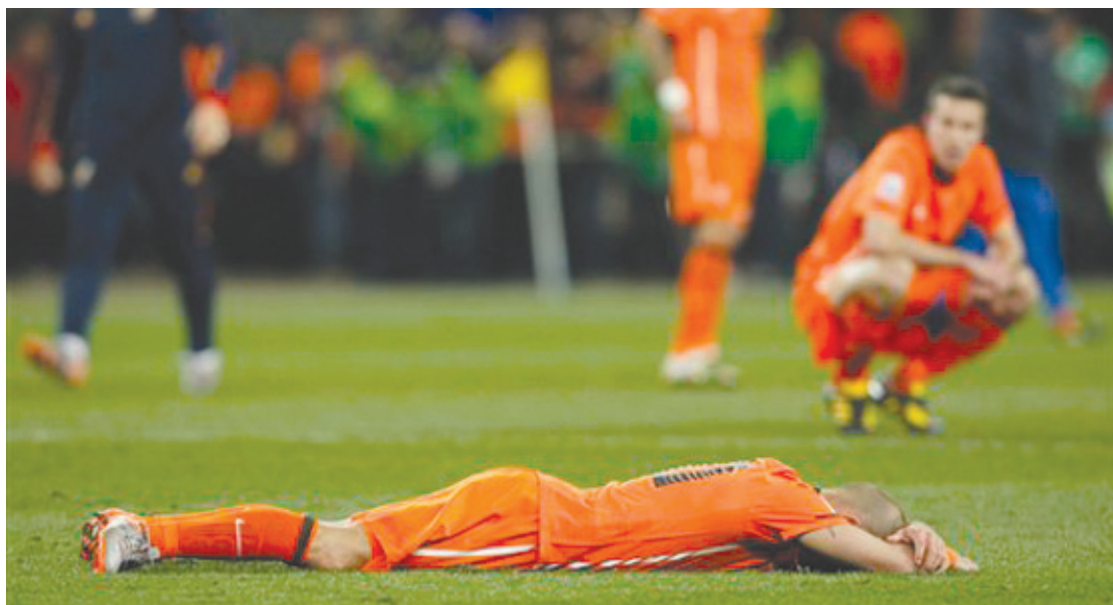
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Dutch dejection: Third World Cup final loss sinks in

MIKE CORDER, Associated Press Writer THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Two fighter jets, one of them orange, escorted the Netherlands' team plane through Dutch airspace and Schiphol airport staff formed a guard of honor when it touched down on Monday, a day after the side lost the World Cup final in Johannesburg. The team was whisked by bus to a hotel on the North Sea coast before a string of welcome home events on Tuesday, including meeting Queen Beatrix at her palace in The Hague in the morning followed by a boat tour through Amsterdam's canals, and a party in the city's Museum Square. The events will help both players and fans shake off the depression caused by the team losing its third World Cup final, 1-0 in extra time to Spain. "It's a little bit strange to stand here now, we haven't quite overcome the

disappointment yet," coach Bert van Marwijk said. "Especially when you throw away victory three minutes before the end of the game, and when you are trusting to penalties and the goalkeeper (Maarten) Stekelenburg was in such excellent form." Earlier Monday, Dutch newspapers reflected the sense of national loss. "Not again," was the headline in two papers above pictures of dejected Dutch players following the final whistle. The Netherlands also lost to hosts West Germany and Argentina in 1974 and '78. The Algemeen Dagblad daily's headline was "Orange tears." For Chris Nielen, 38, a sales manager who watched the match at a bar in a crowded square in The Hague, it was the third loss of his lifetime. "In '74, I was in diapers. In '78, we were closer when we hit the post in the second half," he said. "Now, we have to wait another 32 years."



Netherlands' Wesley Sneijder lies on the pitch following the World Cup final soccer match between the Netherlands and Spain at Soccer City in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sunday, July 11, 2010. Spain won 1-0. Associated Press

Jesse van Straaten said that the Netherlands could have won if it had been more efficient in front of goal. "Honestly, Spain was better — I recognize that," he said. "But we had the chances." Police across the country reported minor disturbances as disappointed fans fought

and let off fireworks at the end of the match. In Amsterdam on Monday, scores of dejected fans using Dutch flags as blankets woke up on the platforms of the city's Central Station after missing the last trains home. More than 100,000 orange-clad fans watched the match on giant screens at Museum Square but quickly and relatively quietly left after Andres Iniesta's extra-time goal shattered their dreams of finally shaking the tag of the best team never to win the World Cup. Litter left in their wake included trampled orange vuvuzelas, a reminder of the droning sound track of the World Cup in South Africa. A Dutch foundation that monitors television ratings said 8.5 million people

watched the final at home, making it one of the most-watched broadcasts in the country's history. Amid the disappointment was pride that a nation of just 16 million had reached the final, knocking out five-time champion Brazil along the way thanks to a 2-1 quarterfinal victory in Port Elizabeth that will likely be remembered as the team's best performance. "We should be very proud that such a little country as Holland has come second in this World Cup," Van Marwijk said. "Fought like lions," said the front-page headline in best-selling daily De Telegraaf next to a photo of striker Robin van Persie and winger Arjen Robben holding their heads in their hands, Robben on his knees on the Soccer City turf.

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Hemisphere Travel Initiative, which went into effect last year. The new rules require, among other things, that Americans carry passports or new high-tech documents to cross the country's borders. "Since they last traveled on their own passports, the requirements in terms of the kind of documents that are necessary to facilitate travel within and outside the hemisphere have changed," Crowley said. "We are trying to help them get the appropriate travel documents so they can travel to this tournament." Asked whether the Iroquois passport could be acceptably modified to meet the stricter standards, Crowley referred questions to the Department of Homeland Security. That agency declined to discuss the specifics of the case. Matt Chandler, a Homeland Security spokesman, said his agency was working with the Department of State and others to resolve the issue.

One player, Brett Bucktooth, said he would rather miss the tournament than travel under a U.S. passport. "That's the people we are, and that's our identity," he said. Bucktooth, 27, also spoke of his deep cultural and personal connection with lacrosse — first played by Iroquois and Huron, perhaps as early as 1,000 years ago. "My father put a wooden lacrosse stick into my crib when I was a baby, and now that I have a son, I put a lacrosse stick into his crib," he said. "In our culture, we all start playing lacrosse young." The Iroquois team is ranked No. 4 by the Federation of International Lacrosse and represent the Haudenosaunee — an Iroquois Confederacy of the Oneida, Seneca, Mohawk, Tuscarora, Cayuga and Onondaga nations. The team was scheduled to play at the 2010 World Lacrosse Championship that starts Thursday in

Manchester, England. The Iroquois team and its entourage of 25 — coaches, staff and family members — would have to leave New York by Tuesday evening at the latest to participate in the tournament, which is staged every four years. The team has been traveling on Iroquois passports for the past 20 years, and Iroquois passport-holders have been using them to go abroad since 1977, said Denise Waterman, a member of the team's board of directors. Within the last year, colleagues used their Iroquois passports to travel to Japan and Sweden without any problems, she said. It's unclear why the U.S. government is now rejecting the documents. Chandler said he couldn't confirm that the team had previously used the passports with success. Frichner said a State Department official told her last week that "policy and legal restrictions" were at play, but no further explanation was given.

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Tour de France shaping up as 3-way fight

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

MORZINE, France (AP)

— The Tour de France is shaping up as a three-way fight between race leader Cadel Evans of Australia, defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain and Andy Schleck of Luxembourg.

Evans leads Schleck by just 20 seconds after Schleck won the hardest stage so far — a grueling Alpine trek on Sunday where Lance Armstrong cracked. “Getting the yellow jersey at the Tour is always something special,” the 33-year-old Evans said on Monday’s rest day in Morzine. “To swap the (world champion’s) rainbow jersey for the yellow jersey is a rare feat that I’ve had the honor to experience.”

With two-time Tour winner Contador short of his best form, Evans may never have a better chance to win the Tour, and he is in no mood to take chances after slightly hurting his left forearm in a minor crash on Sunday.

“The legs are still going, which is the important thing. That is what the main concern is right now,” Evans said. “It’s a little bit uncomfortable right now. Hopefully with a good night’s sleep I should be all right. I’ll try to take it as easy as possible, and get as much physiotherapy as possible on my arm.”

Contador trails by 61 seconds ahead of Tuesday’s ninth stage.

The punishing Alpine route features two category 1 climbs, and a tougher one that is beyond classification: a mammoth 15.9-mile ride up the Col de la Madeleine, one of the Tour’s most redoubtable mountain passes.

“It will be a really hard and



New overall leader Cadel Evans of Australia, stage winner Andy Schleck of Luxembourg and Alberto Contador of Spain, left to right, climb towards Morzine-Avoriaz during the eighth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 117.4 miles with start in Station des Rousses, and finish in Morzine-Avoriaz, France, Sunday, July 11, 2010.

Associated Press

complicated stage, and we should see the main contenders in the Madeleine,” Contador said Monday, adding that he welcomes more attacks from Schleck and others to increase the overall speed of the race.

“Yes, it’s possible, but that would be good for me,” he said, speaking through an interpreter. “Maybe other riders will feel more confident and that will be good because then we have a stronger rhythm.”

That will hardly thrill Armstrong after what happened to him during the eighth stage. The 38-year-old Texan finished in 61st place after laboring in stifling heat, hauling his battered body up from crashes and up grueling mountain passes that used to seem so easy during his heyday.

Armstrong is more than 13 minutes behind Evans — an impossible gap to close in two weeks.

“He can’t come back from it ... especially against some of the best climbers

in the world,” Armstrong’s former U.S. Postal teammate Frankie Andreu said. It was a collective victory for all three Tour contenders to see the 38-year-old Armstrong plummet down the standings to 39th place. “This time it was Contador, Evans and Schleck who decided to eliminate the threat,” Andreu said. “Armstrong’s always a threat, so they had to ride on the front to make sure he’s gone for good.”

With British rider Bradley Wiggins also out of sorts — Wiggins was fourth in last year’s Tour but is now 2:45 back in 14th — the path to the Paris podium on July 25 is clearing for the main contenders.

“That’s like a mission accomplished. So it’s one or two less guys to worry about,” Andreu said. “Wiggins got dropped, so it starts reducing the number of contenders.”

Schleck looks the more comfortable of the three main contenders, with

Armstrong’s RadioShack manager Johan Bruyneel observing that Contador does not look as strong as last year.

Contador could not match Schleck’s hilltop acceleration on the final part of Sunday’s climb.

Schleck says he saw Contador in “difficulty” for the first time and got a big morale boost by winning Stage 8.

“Before, I have not seen him in difficulty yet, and I think yesterday he was,” Schleck said Monday. “I

was surprised he couldn’t follow, to be honest, because the day before I had a really strong impression of him.”

Contador, who had to regularly answer questions during last year’s Tour as to whether he could race on the same team as Armstrong and fulfill his own ambitions, dealt with Schleck’s opinion by playing down its impact.

“For me, he is still one the biggest favorites of this Tour de France,” Contador said. “You might think (what he said) affects my feelings, but it doesn’t change anything.”

Schleck, however, is at another major disadvantage to both Evans and Contador, who are both much faster than him on time trials. Schleck, whose brother Frank was injured early on in the race and had to pull out because of a broken left collarbone, also has one less teammate to help him in the mountains.

The 25-year-old Schleck knows he will have to be in the lead on July 24 for the final 32.2-mile time trial if he is to stand a chance of winning the Tour.

“The only thing I know is that I will need to be in yellow for the time trial,” he said. “I can’t say for now if I will need one minute or two minutes.”

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ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Louis Vuitton Boutique announced its new special order case ahead of 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa.

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At Milano Café & MooMba Beach Bar Chicago's Chandler London makes surprise appearances



PALM BEACH – Chi town's "next big thing," rapper Chandler London

performed two sets over the weekend—late Saturday at Milano Café in the South Beach Centre, then Sunday evening at MooMba Beach Bar, entertaining the crowds with his lyrical rap style. The up-and-coming rapper is popular on the Chicago club scene, and has been a part of the opening acts for iconic performers including Ludacris and B.O.B., and was part of the opening act for the B-96 B Bash—one of Chicago's largest outdoor summer music festivals. His next appearance will be at the Midwest Hip-Hop Concert Series in Chicago on July 22nd.



Aruba must maintain laws against spear fishing

ORANJESTAD - Recently the minister of tourism here in Aruba mentioned during a press conference the implementation of an Aruba Marine Park.

But strange as it may sound, there are talks about reinstating spear fishing because it's a sport and a "tradition".

According to a law, which was passed in 2001, it is prohibited to use any type of device, which can be use to kill any under water animals. This law can be referred to as "prohibited under water hunting devices". This law is in support of the nature protection law, which was passed in 1995. Many countries around the world and Caribbean islands in particular are or have been moving towards eco tourism, green tourism, environmental protection, environmental conservation, environmental preservation, and environmental education of the general public. The protection of the environment and in particular marine



environmental protection and conversation has been a strong movement in the last couple of decades because most countries are finally realizing that we have been depleting our marine resources and particularly we have seriously affected the fishing industry by over fishing worldwide.

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the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. Guitarist Ernesto Ferro entertained while dignitaries feasted on Sunset Grille specialties, presented by the culinary team, under direction of Executive Chef Hector Espinoza. Espinoza informs that the

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PALM BEACH - Soccer fans and fanatics came together at Café Rembrandt on Sunday to watch the Dutch match against Spain. Hundreds of spectators, all dressed up in Orange for the occasion, could see the Dutch "Orange" team play their best to become the runner-up world champions. The Dutch matches in the early round drew a large crowd but the turn out from Sunday's match broke all records at Aruba's World Cup Epicenter, alias Café Rembrandt.



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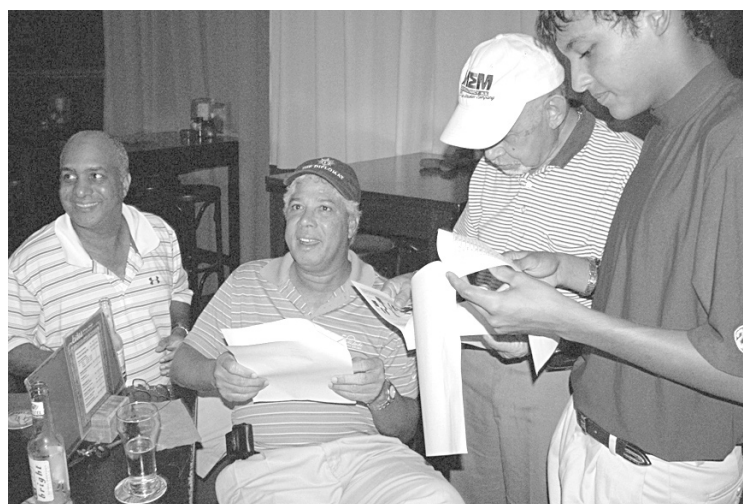
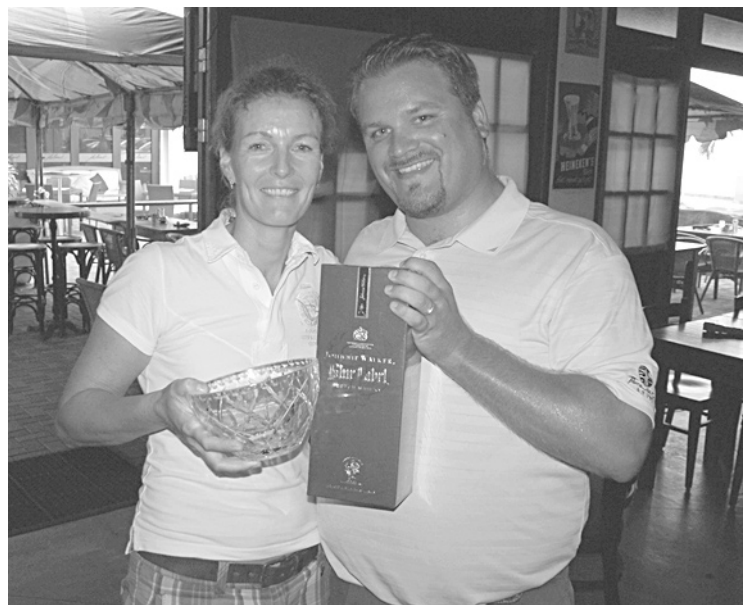
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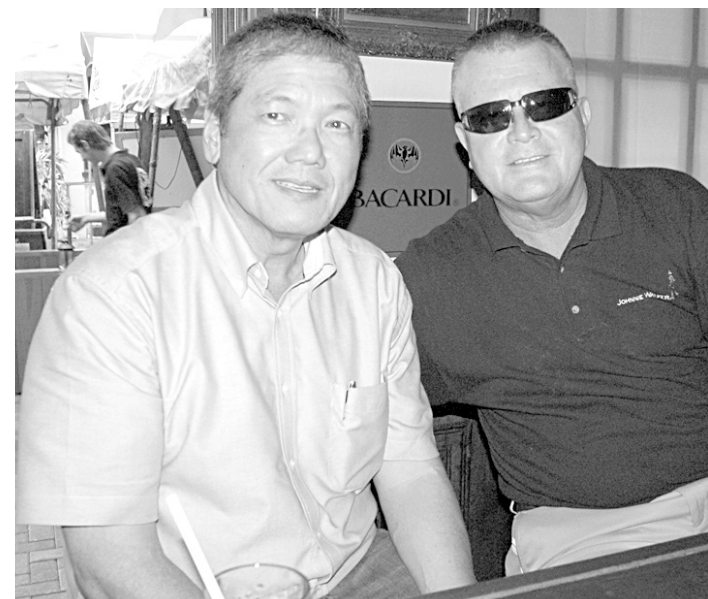


WESTPUNT—Carla Schipper, one of the golf course's valued, regular golfers, won the Week #3 round of the Heritage Cup, presented by Johnny Walker, unfolding at Tierra del Sol, Golf Resort & Country Club. "Aruba is known for two things," says Golf Pro Adam Williamson, "sunny skies, and gentle trade winds from the northeast. Well," he banters, "sunny skies was correct, but the gentle trade winds measured over 35 mph, making Tierra del Sol's golf course play similar to playing The Open at The Old Course of St. Andrews, which is taking place this week." "The tournament," he comments, "was not a game of performance Saturday, but a game of survival. One of which did so with a 1 point victory over the field." At the end of the day, the winner, Carla Schipper, scored 35 stableford points, and made a tremendous leap over other players, putting her into 2nd place in the overall ranking. Second place Floyd Nedd with 34 points, also made a good jump to 4th overall. Third place Benno Oldenhof with 33 stableford points, landed in the top 10. Who will stay within reach of the Johnnie Walker Heritage Cup? "We have a month to wonder, and a month to prepare," Williamson concludes. Winner of Nearest to Hole #7 was Hunt Riley. Nearest to Hole #17 was Harold Hagens. The next round of the 2010 Heritage Cup presented by Johnny Walker and the Aruba Trading Company is on August 21st, at Tierra del Sol, and Williamson expressed great satisfaction over the

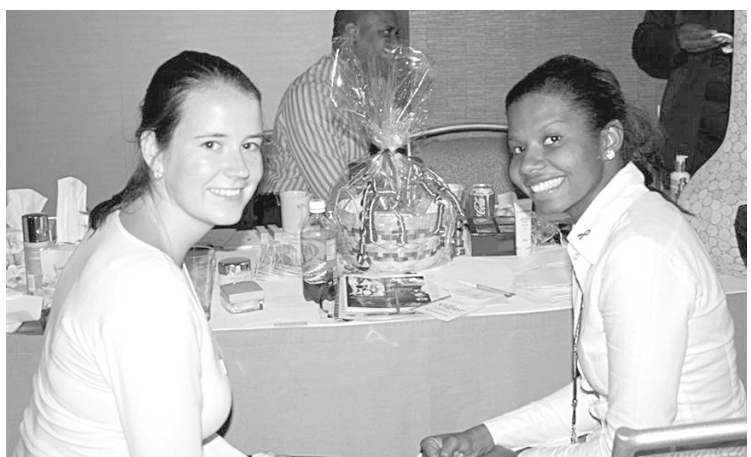
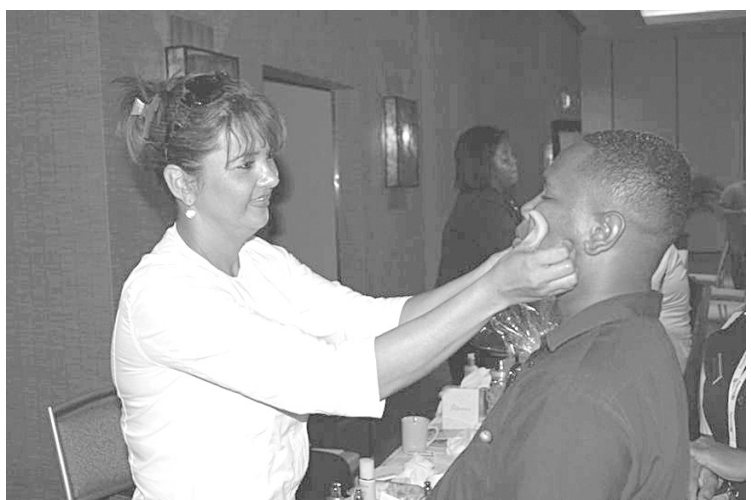
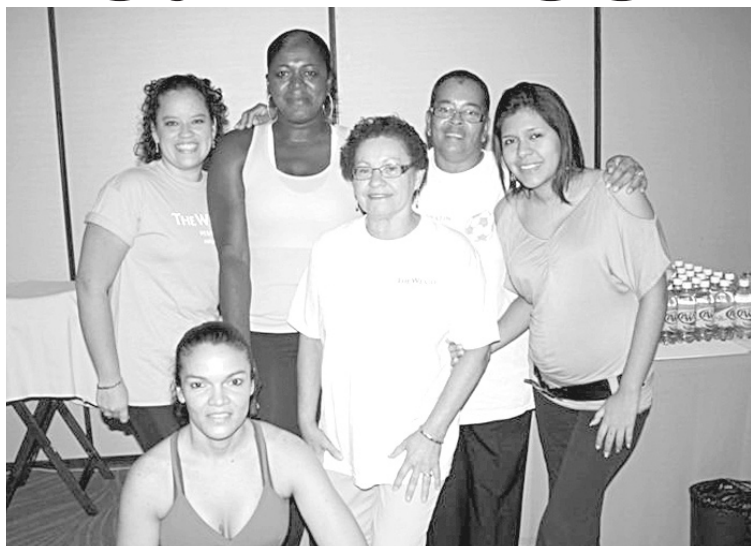


proceedings so far, looking forward to seeing what transpires in the upcoming legs of the race.

Pictured here the award ceremony at Rembrandt Cafe with Adam Williamson.



Health Week at Westin a success



PALM BEACH - Recently, the Talent Resources and Development department of the Westin Resort, Aruba coordinated the annual Health Week for all associates.

Management applauded the members of the Talent Resources and Development department for their initiative to maintain not only a healthy and safe work environment, but also a higher quality of healthy living at home as well.

During the week, associates attended a drug and alcohol awareness seminar, and later in the week a health fair in the Grand Palm Beach Ballroom, with several island organizations sharing their expertise. The Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation was on hand to disseminate important information, nutrition and fitness consultations by Westin Workout from fitness expert Rene Wild were offered, as well as the participation of Optica Oduber & Kan, Intermezzo Spa, Visser Holdings, and Maggy's among several others.

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Eugene Erasmus is Sales Representative for April



PALM BEACH -- Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort introduced Eugene Erasmus as Sales Representative for April 2010. Eugene reports he has been working in the Time Share industry here since the year 2000, having been part of the Marriott and now the Divi sales team. He started his career a while back with the fondly-remembered, now defunct Air Aruba, which landed him on the path of hospitality. Always a positive thinker, equipped with a great attitude, Eugene shares some of his tips for success.

Divi he reveals, delivers great value, and renders excellent service which is what clients are looking for. "I place great value on my own vacation," he says, "living on the beach, I love big cities," he explains. "As our prospective clients come through the sales gallery, they leave big cities behind, and join us here at the edge of the water, and I just start them on this most-enjoyable trip."

HUMAN HINTS

Compassion

Yesterday we discussed commitment. We said that both commitment and compassion are necessary for manifestation. Without commitment you'll get distracted from your path, usually without even knowing it. Today we'll discuss compassion, and what it means to our personal journey. Compassion is deep awareness and sympathy for other's feelings and emotions. When people share feelings, their energy resonates and empowers everyone. Compassion is not feeling sorry for others. Feeling

sorry invokes pity, which disempowers everyone. Compassion comes from a place of equality, while pity puts one person above another. We can get lost in pity, but compassion keeps us balanced when we share the emotions of others. When we're balanced in compassion, we have the courage to take action. Compassion for others helps us feel gratitude for the abundance in our lives which we normally take for granted. When something is abundant, it is natural for us to ignore it. In three dimensions, we've been taught that focusing on

what we lack helps to insure our survival. Focusing on not having food will drive us to find a way to feed our families. When something is abundant, we don't have to think about it at all. How often do we think about having enough air to breathe? It crosses our mind only when its gone. When we feel compassion for others, we learn to feel compassion for ourselves, which makes life a lot easier. When we have compassion for our selves, we realize that we do our best in each moment. With the understanding that we all feel Human weakness, we free ourselves. Compassion allows effortless forgiveness with others and within your self.

Compassion connects you to Humanity and injects your sympathetic energy into the Human Collective. With Compassion, you are connected and contributing to the Whole. While you share other's pain, they will be able to access your balance and support. The precious moment of merciful relief that appears when someone needs it most, will be from you. Your compassion might clear someone's mind in a critical moment, stopping untold tragedy. We can't know what actions, thoughts and emotions will change lives, or in what ways. Baking cookies for a fundraiser can save lives. Preying for others and the Whole saves lives. Your small, selfless contribution of personal energy helps



~Quentin Danziger

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dramatically in ways you cannot possibly imagine. It is important that we approach compassion from a selfless point of view. Taking action just for recognition is selfish, no matter how much it might help. When we want to know the specific difference we make, we are being selfish. Express your compassion and release the energy. State your prayer and let it go. Take action and release the outcome with Love. When you act and feel with commitment and compassion, nothing can stop you. Stay on the path you choose, and share in other's suffering without pity. Until Tomorrow... Go to www.HumanHints.com to sign up to receive this column in your email each day.

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To spear or not to spear fish, is back on the table

ORANJESTAD - Recently the minister of tourism here in Aruba mentioned during a press conference the implementation of an Aruba Marine Park.

But strange as it may sound, there are talks about reinstating spear fishing because it's a sport and a "tradition".

According to a law, which was passed in 2001, it is prohibited to use any type of device, which can be used to kill any under water animals. This law can be referred to as "prohibited under water hunting devices". This law is in support of the nature protection law, which was passed in 1995. Many countries around the world and Caribbean islands in particular are or have been moving towards eco tourism, green tourism, environmental protection, environmental conservation, environmental preservation, and environmental education of the general public. The protection of the environment and in particular marine environmental protection and conservation has been a strong movement in the last couple of decades because most countries are finally realizing that we have been depleting our marine resources and particularly we have seriously



been getting away with illegal spear fishing since 2001. Fishing is a source of food that is used in all countries in the world where fishing grounds are available.

This type of food source has been used for as long as mankind has been around and yes, some of it has been as part of tradition, family customs, recreation and even part of the tourism attractions, which is deep sea and bottom



affected the fishing industry by over fishing worldwide. When it comes to spear fishing the damage is even greater because the mamas and papas are killed first with no chance of reproduction and it has been proven that there is no respect for the law and because there is no effective enforcement, people have

fishing charters.

The use of a spear or some type of spearing device has always been used and with the modern day spear gun it has become easier to shoot fish and with the use of scuba equipment it makes it a lot simpler to select, get "closer to the fish and go deeper.

The "traditional" line fishing

and traditional fishermen are being threatened by spear fishing, fishing traps, long line fishing and net fishing. It is not the intention to stop people from fishing, but with developments we need to make chances and adaptations in order to meet the challenges for sustainability. This is why an Aruba Marine Park is needed. Changes must protect the fishermen, the species and the marine environment and where possible, find a balance. In the Caribbean, Aruba is one of the tourism destinations, which has a steady 1.4 million tourist visiting each year for the past five years. With many other destinations advertising protection and no spear fishing, here in Aruba we want to go the opposite way and this in the wake of the soon to come Aruba Marine Park. Our competitors in the Caribbean are going to laugh at us and use this against us in their promotional campaigns for tourism, because they don't allow spear fishing. They protect their marine life and protect their source of income. This raises a few questions. Which politician wants to go down in history as the guy who allowed spear fishing to be re-introduced? What will you tell the next generation in about 10 to 15 years when our aquatic tourism product has been destroyed?

What is the added value of winning trophies for spear fishing and what commercial value will these trophies have for Aruba and its marine

environment? When talking about spear fishing what is the issue? Are these fishermen who want to make a living?

Is this just a handful of "buchi's" who have a job and wants to spear fish on the side in order to sell fish or is this to hide it under "sports spear fishermen" going for trophies? Isn't this really about mine is bigger than yours? In reality it doesn't matter. There are alternatives for fishing with hand lines like most traditional fishermen do. Any type of spear fishing on Aruba with the implementation of an Aruba Marine Park is going to make this island the laughing stock in the Caribbean.

Currently the existing laws are not being respected, which means that regardless of the government, the minister of justice, tourism including every traditional fisherman, spear fishing is being done illegally and it's a slap in the face of everyone. Basically the message is this; we don't care that there is a law.

There is a proposal in parliament to bring back spear fishing with permits, in controlled zones and under "conditions". Question; if the existing laws are not being respected, why will spear fishing under a permit and "conditions" be honored? The current law is not being adhered to and going through parliament and bypassing the minister of justice to get support is going to get him to sign this into law? Why should there be no spear fishing? The

fish is killed and eggs barring fish are wiped out because the biggest are shot first. All the parents are killed. There is no chance for reproduction. Shooting only some types will deplete this level of food chain and there is no guarantee that only one type will be shot.

Area spear fishing kills the species just the same and depletes fish in those areas. There is no justification for sport versus living of spear fishing.

Use of scuba has caused death and injuries among these "spear fishermen". Spear fishing directly opposes marine protection and there is no conservation in spear fishing.

A handful of people with some signatures want to be selfish versus 1.4 million paying customers per year. Spear fishing is "unfair" competition for hand line fishing and it's against the law. Spear fishing isn't sustainable aquatic tourism and it's against environmental protection, conservation and preservation. When all the fish is shot more areas will be needed to spear and in no time the designated zones are not enough to spear fish. Tradition must sometimes adapt to changes in order to safe guard the general interest. Tourism competitors are conserving while in Aruba this is not the case. Was there any study done by the government on this issue? To allow spear fishing will set Aruba back 50 years and Aruba isn't learning from other's mistakes.

There are 60,000 signatures to legalize pot also, but should we legalize it? And why not, it's also against the law just like spear fishing?



Aqua Grill... "the hip restaurant that is heaven on earth for seafood lovers," Fodor's Travel Guide



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Aqua Grill's award-winning chef offers a menu of classic and contemporary dishes. The fresh

seafood is prepared in a variety of regional styles, melding local island charm with the traditions of New England, the spices of Jamaica, the zesty flavors of Italy, the mystique of Indonesia, and beyond.

In addition to a selection of authentic dishes, your seafood can also be prepared wood-grilled, broiled, poached, steamed, or pan-fried upon request. Complimenting the menu is the island's

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World Cup goes to Spain, but Orange Balashi beer ruled!



PALM BEACH - Even though the winners of the World Cup 2010 are Spain, the Orange team of Holland gave everything they had which made this an excellent finals game. It was very nice to see that early on, there was a lot of great ambiance on the streets, especially at the clients of Balashi Brewery that carried Orange Balashi beer on their tap. The orange beer ruled! This orange beer of Balashi was available at: Westin, Buster's Garage, The Mill, Hooters, Milano and Tony Roma's. Thanks to all the supporters of the Orange team!

For The FIFA World Cup Trophy

Louis Vuitton Unveils Its Special Order Case



ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Louis Vuitton Boutique announced its new special order case ahead of 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa. Louis Vuitton unveiled the travel case it has created to hold football's greatest prize, the FIFA World Cup Trophy. Commissioned by FIFA, the special order case, handmade by a single master craftsman in Louis Vuitton's historic Asnières workshop near Paris, has been meticulously designed to accommodate the celebrated Trophy, which measures 36 cm in height, weighs 6.175 kg and is made of solid 18-carat gold with a base of semi-precious malachite. Covered in Louis Vuitton's iconic Monogram canvas, the travel case is fitted with the company's signature brass lock and corners, and has a dark brown lining that complements the Trophy's rich gold. The case opens at the front and at the top to allow the Trophy to be removed easily when, at the final on 11th July

in Johannesburg, watched by many millions of people across the globe, it was be presented.

The special order for FIFA perpetuates Louis Vuitton's long tradition of creating elegant and ingenious cases for travellers to transport their most precious belongings. Born into a family of millers and carpenters in France's remote Jura Mountains, Louis Vuitton arrived in Paris in 1837 and established himself as a layetier-emballeur, a maker and packer of travelers' trunks, becoming the favorite artisan of Empress Eugénie. In 1854, he founded his own company and made his name with a revolutionary flat-lidded trunk, which – as the era of rail travel dawned – could be stacked in a luggage compartment. The flat trunk was the first of many groundbreaking designs with which, throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Louis Vuitton accompanied the development of modern means of transportation,

elevating travel to an art de vivre.

Like all Louis Vuitton special orders, the FIFA World Cup Trophy case was made at the company's original workshop in Asnières, which opened in 1859. Over the course of 150 years, the Asnières workshop has produced an astonishing variety of custom-made designs, from the foldout trunk-bed that equipped the African explorer Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza to a secretary trunk for 1,000 cigars, from a portable tea service for the Maharajah of Baroda to an iPod case complete with dock and speakers. The workshop also crafted the trunk that holds the world's oldest sporting trophy, the famous silver ewer of the America's Cup, which dates back to 1851.

Special orders represent the quintessence of Louis Vuitton's savoir-faire, uniting as they do the imagination of its designers and the skills of its craftsmen to create something genuinely unique. Each special order is a true one-off, an original idea, which gradually takes shape through detailed sketches and elaborate prototypes. Every year, around 450 special orders are completed, some modest, others grand in scale, but each one satisfying a customer's specific need or realizing a dream. The one condition of any Louis Vuitton special order is that it must respect the spirit of travel, being conceived both to protect and to transport a customer's



belongings – a condition naturally fulfilled by the FIFA World Cup Trophy case.

Thierry Weil, FIFA Director of Marketing Division: "The travel case is a fundamental element in the appearance of our most important asset. It not only underlines the exclusivity and personality of the FIFA World Cup Trophy but guarantees safety and protection on it's travel around the world."

Antoine Arnault, Head of Communications for Louis Vuitton, says: "We are very

proud to have been chosen by FIFA to create the case in which the world's ultimate sporting prize will in future travel the globe. This exceptional commission truly honors Louis Vuitton's 150-year tradition of craftsmanship and savoir-faire. We are also delighted to be part of the great festival of football that the 2010 FIFA World Cup promises to be, and to renew our ties with the host country South Africa, with which we have had for many years a very special relationship."



From texting to apps, using cell phones for health

What if my blood sugar's too high today? Is it time for my blood pressure pill? With nagging text messages or more customized two-way interactions, researchers are trying to harness the power of cell phones to help fight chronic diseases.

"I call it medical minutes," says Dr. Richard Katz of George Washington University Hospital in the nation's capital.

He's testing whether inner-city diabetics, an especially hard-to-treat population, might better control their blood sugar — and thus save Medicaid dollars — by tracking their disease using Internet-connected cell phones, provided with reduced monthly rates as long as they regularly comply.

Consider Tyrone Harvey, 43, who learned he had diabetes seven years ago only after getting so sick he was hospitalized for a week, and who has struggled to lower his blood sugar ever since. In May, through a study Katz began with nearby Howard University Hospital's diabetes clinic, Harvey received a Web-based personal health record that he clicks onto using his cell phone, to record his daily blood sugar measurements.

If Harvey enters a reading higher or lower than pre-set danger thresholds, a text message automatically pings a warning, telling him what to do. And at checkups, doctors will use the personal health record, created by Indiana-based No More Clipboard.com, to track all his fluctuations and decide what next steps to advise.

"Hopefully you're paying more attention to your numbers, too," says Howard's Dr. Gail Nunlee-Bland, whose clinic uses an electronic health record — your official medical history — that can automatically link to NoMoreClipboard's consumer version and update it with things like medication changes.

The trend is called mobile health or, to use tech-speak, mHealth. If you're a savvy smartphone user, you've

probably seen lots of apps that claim to help your health or fitness goals — using your phone like a pedometer or an alarm clock to signal when it's time to take your medicine.

Katz and other researchers are going a step further, scientifically testing whether more personalized cell phone-based programs can link patients' own care with their doctors' disease-management efforts in ways that might provide lasting health improvement.

"Mobile phones provide that opportunity for persons to get the feedback they need when they need it," explains Charlene Quinn, an assistant professor at the University of Maryland medical school, who is testing a competing cell phone diabetes system from Baltimore-based Welldoc Inc. After all, most of the population now carries a cell phone. Accessing the Internet with them is on the rise, too — nearly 40 percent of cell callers do, the Pew Internet & American Life Project reported last week — allowing more sophisticated digital health contact.

On the other hand, older adults are less likely to use smartphones. So are people who are sicker, with multiple chronic diseases, says Dr. Joseph Kvedar, director of the Center for Connected Health, a division of Boston's Partners



Healthcare.

Kvedar notes that nearly any phone can handle simpler text-messaging programs. Among the biggest offered to date is the free text4baby, where government-vetted health tips timed to pregnant women's due dates are texted weekly to about 50,000 participants so far.

Do these kinds of technologies work? There's some short-term evidence, although no one knows if people stick with it once the novelty wears off:

In a study of 70 Boston residents to improve cancer-preventing use of sunscreen, Kvedar found daily texts with reminders hooked to the weather forecast for six weeks

increased sunscreen use by 40 percent.

Researchers at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center found episodes of rejection dropped when they texted take-your-medicine reminders to 41 pediatric liver transplant recipients or their caregivers, adding another text nag to the parent if teen patients didn't quickly respond that they'd taken their dose.

The University of California, San Diego, went a step further, designing a text-message program to encourage weight loss where participants texted back answers to such questions as "Did you buy fresh raw vegetables to snack on this week?" Answering

allowed more customized texted diet tips. In a pilot study of 75 people, text-message recipients lost about four more pounds in four months than those given printed dieting advice.

The Internet-based approach offers even more two-way interaction. This fall, Quinn will report results of a 260-patient study using a range of Welldoc phone features, including more real-time monitoring of the blood sugar fluctuations users enter. A small Welldoc pilot study found users' average blood sugar dropped over three months.

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The Future of Marriage

Maybe it's just a coincidence that the "Today" show and United States District Judge Tauro of Massachusetts reached essentially the same conclusion on the same day. But I'm one of those people who believe there is no such thing as a coincidence. No, I'd call it a trend in the right direction.

The "Today" show, facing protests that its "Modern Day Wedding" contest was excluding same-sex couples, decided to include them. "We're producers, not politicians," executive producer Jim Bell explained. "All we want is a good wedding."

Judge Tauro's explanation took longer, but it came to the same point. In a nice twist, Tauro hoisted states rights conservatives on their own petards, finding that the federal government had no right to limit Massachusetts' decision to treat all marriages equally by denying federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples. He then went on to hold that the federal restrictions on benefits are themselves unconstitutional because they are applied unequally.

According to Bell: "We want to be inclusive. We want to be open. We want to be fair. I'm glad we're doing the right thing." Ditto for Tauro. While constitutional law scholars were debating whether Tauro's finding that defining marriage is a state's right could be squared with his holding that the federal government violated the equal protection clause with its own definition (I think they can), the bottom line is the same.

Fairness.

There are many in the gay community who wish the gay marriage issue would go away. Of all the things to fight about, some gay friends joke. Now we can get divorced like everyone else. The only people who benefit from gay marriage, the joke goes, are the gay divorce lawyers. More seriously, many have wondered whether taking on the sacred and at least semi-religious issue of marriage made sense when other basic issues remain unaddressed.

But you don't always get to choose your issues. Sometimes they choose you. The courts may have started the battle, in states like California and Massachusetts, but once joined, it is not going away. Even as Californians await a decision in federal court here as to the constitutionality of Prop 8 (which overturned this state's Supreme Court decision holding the prior ban on gay Marriage unconstitutional), the Massachusetts decision all but ensures the issue is headed to the Supreme Court, especially if either one of Tauro's decisions is upheld.

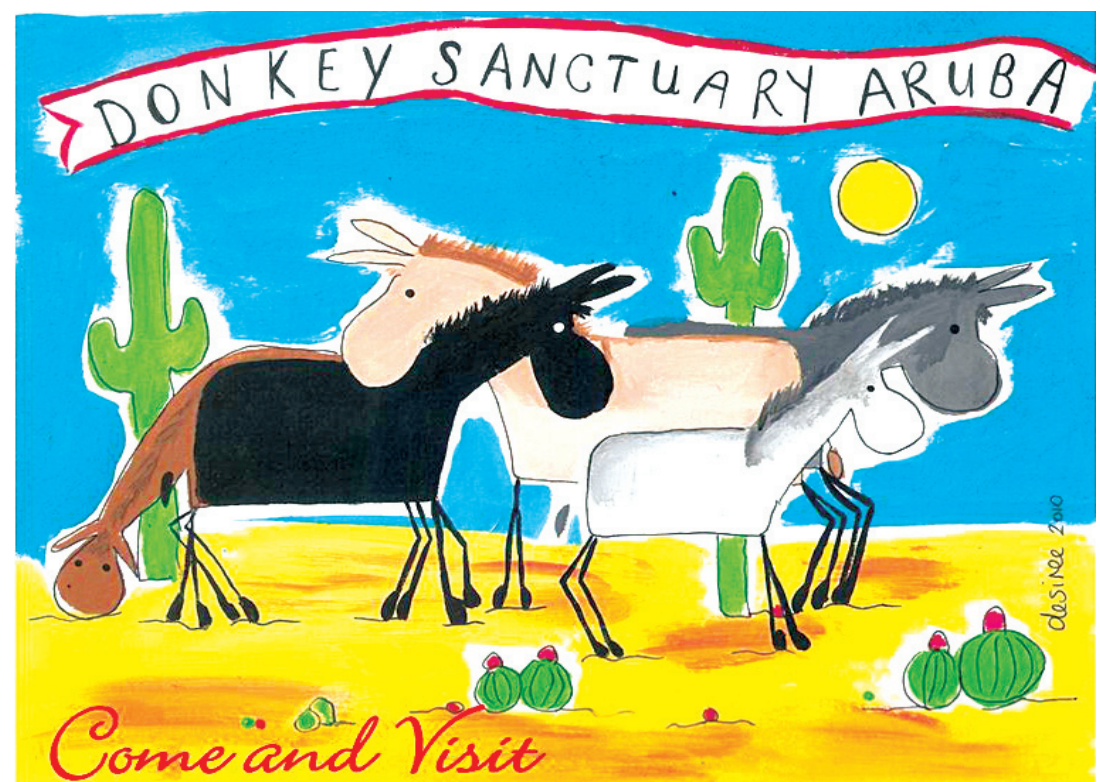
And how will the Supreme Court vote? It depends. It depends on how the issue is framed, who is sitting in the room and how long it takes to get there.

But of this I am sure: It may be later or sooner, it may be in this term or a decade or two down the road, but there will come a day when people will look back and wonder what all the fuss was about.

Marriage, as a matter of law, is about two people making a fundamental commitment to each other, which carries with it both rights and responsibilities. Above a certain (young) age, it doesn't matter how old they are, or whether they plan to or do have children; it doesn't matter what race they are, or what religion they are — or what sex they are. All of those things may and should and do matter to the individuals making the personal decision. But like other personal decisions, they are not the business of the state.

True conservatives, and on this I am certainly one, understand that ours is a system of limited government, which protects the privacy and liberty of the individual to make his own decisions and even her own mistakes.

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Denunciaron a Kirchner por supuesto lavado de dinero

Buenos Aires - Tal como estaba previsto, diputados de la Coalición Cívica denunciaron a Néstor Kirchner por supuesto lavado de dinero. Los legisladores Juan Carlos Morán, Adrián Pérez, Carlos Comi y Horacio Piemonte presentaron un escrito ante el juez federal Julián Ercolini para pedirle que investigue

la posible comisión de ese delito por parte del ex presidente.

Puntualmente, le solicitaron que evalúe posibles vínculos entre esas supuestas irregularidades y el crecimiento del patrimonio del santacruceño.

El nexo está planteado de manera directa en el escrito de la CC al que tuvo acceso lanacion.com. "Creemos que el crecimiento patrimonial de los mencionados [Néstor y Cristina Kirchner] no solo podría configurar el delito de enriquecimiento ilícito sino también que es la prueba del delito de lavado de activos".

Los diputados también piden que se analice la compra de US\$ 2 millones de dólares que el ex presidente hizo en octubre de 2008, en plena crisis económica global, justo antes de una apreciación de la moneda estadounidense. No sólo denunciaron que detrás de la operación hay un delito. También involucraron a la Presidenta.

"Consideramos que en ese caso el delito resulta evidente, ya que al lograr Néstor Kirchner un beneficio económico con dicha operación, quien en definitiva se enriquece es la presidenta Cristina Kirchner, por ser la ventaja lucrativa obtenida un bien ganancial del matrimonio".

La conducta encuadraría en la acción tipificada por el artículo 268 del Código Penal que castiga al «funcionario público que con fines de lucro utilizare para sí o para un tercero informaciones o datos de carácter reservado de los que haya tomado conocimiento en razón de su cargo», dice el escrito.

Enseguida, completa: "Por lo tanto, el delito habría sido consumado por la propia Presidenta de la Nación a

través de Néstor Kirchner y con su consentimiento, desde el momento en que él mismo y conforme a la información privilegiada que la Presidenta le brindaba fue quien realizó la compra de dos millones dólares".

Casi 10 millones más. El patrimonio de los Kirchner creció un 20,65 por ciento el año pasado: pasó de 46 millones de pesos a 55,5 millones, según la declaración jurada que la Presidenta presentó ante la Oficina Anticorrupción (OA) y de la que LA NACION dio cuenta la semana pasada.

En ese documento, correspondiente al período cerrado el 31 de diciembre de 2009, aparece un dato llamativo: una diferencia de más de \$ 4 millones respecto del patrimonio declarado por Néstor Kirchner al asumir como diputado, el 10 de diciembre de 2009, es decir, sólo 21 días antes.

En la última declaración de bienes que había hecho la Presidenta ante la Oficina Anticorrupción (OA), correspondiente a 2008, se informó que ese año los bienes del matrimonio habían tenido un aumento de más de \$ 28 millones, lo que implicaba un incremento del 158 por ciento.

Los diputados de la CC le pidieron a Ercolini que el planteo contra Kirchner se sume al expediente ya abierto a partir de la denuncia de Elisa Carrió contra el ex presidente y el ministro de Planificación, Julio De Vido, entre otros, en la que el ex mandatario está acusado de integrar una asociación ilícita.

Este último es el expediente en el que el ex embajador en Venezuela, Eduardo Sadou, declaró sobre el supuesto pago de coimas para poder comerciar con Caracas.

Evo Morales revela haber sufrido una "rara" dolencia estomacal

LA PAZ (AFP) - El presidente boliviano Evo Morales reveló este lunes que la semana pasada sufrió una "muy grave" y "rara" dolencia estomacal y que su mejoría fue el resultado del tratamiento que le dieron en una clínica cubana en La Paz. "El día miércoles en la noche tuve de emergencia que ir a la clínica de los hermanos cubanos (en La Paz) y amanecer con sueros, con tantas cosas para mejorar la salud. Muy, muy grave, que a mediodía tenga problemas muy serios", afirmó el mandatario durante una rueda de prensa en la casona presidencial. "Yo nunca me enfermé así, me ha sorprendido, he tenido problemas estomacales, tantos, como cualquier ciudadano, pero esto fue muy raro", acotó el presidente, quien dijo que se



El presidente de Bolivia, Evo Morales, ante periodistas en La Paz el 12 de julio de 2010 cuando declaró haber sufrido la semana pasada una 'muy gra'y 'rara' enfermedad estomacal Foto: aizar raldes/AFP

realiza un análisis médico para detectar el mal que lo aquejó.

Lo "que me paso es algo raro y sorprendido además de eso", manifestó el gobernante, quien dio las "gracias a los hermanos médicos cubanos" por la atención recibida.

Colombia "empeñada" en reanudar diálogo con Venezuela

BOGOTÁ (AP) - La canciller designada María Angela Holguín confirmó el lunes que se han enviado invitaciones a Ecuador y Venezuela para que los presidentes de esos países asistan a los actos de toma de posesión del nuevo mandatario colombiano, Juan Manuel Santos, "empeñado" en reanudar el diálogo con Caracas.

Las invitaciones "ya están todas enviadas", dijo Holguín comentando que Santos ha manifestado su complacencia en que los mandatarios de Ecuador, Rafael Correa y de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, puedan asistir a los actos previstos para el 7 de agosto.

Esas invitaciones son enviadas a través de la cancillería colombiana a las embajadas en Bogotá y toma algunos días en llegar a cada ciudad o "lo que se demore seguramente en tramitarla hasta la Embajada del Ecuador y

su capital" por ejemplo, dijo Holguín. Y en cuanto a Caracas "el presidente electo lo ha dicho...que está muy interesado en restablecer las relaciones con Venezuela. Para este restablecimiento, obviamente está la necesidad de restablecer un diálogo, respetuoso, transparente, y es en eso en lo que estamos empeñados", agregó Holguín en declaraciones divulgadas por el Ministerio del Exterior en un correo electrónico.

Santos ha dicho en varias ocasiones que "se sentiría muy complacido de que el presidente Chávez estuviera el día de su posesión. Se le ha enviado la invitación, y como le digo, creemos en un acercamiento, en un diálogo con Venezuela. La base de cualquier relación es el diálogo, y en eso estaremos empeñados", indicó.

Ex rehén Ingrid Betancourt esá “arrepentida” de pedir indemnización por plagio

BOGOTÁ (AFP) - La política colombo francesa Ingrid Betancourt, ex rehén de la guerrilla FARC, descartó que vaya a demandar al Estado colombiano por su secuestro y dijo estar arrepentida de haber tramitado una solicitud de indemnización de 6,9 millones de dólares.

“No hay ni habrá ninguna demanda. No hay ningún ataque contra el gobierno que me liberó, contra el presidente (Alvaro) Uribe al cual le debo todo el agradecimiento ni contra las Fuerzas Militares. Las únicas culpables de mi secuestro son las FARC y quienes me liberaron fueron los héroes”, señaló.

En una entrevista con los privados Caracol Radio y el Canal Caracol, Betancourt -que pasó más de seis años secuestrada- explicó que la millonaria solicitud de indemnización que ella y sus familiares presentaron buscaba “un afán de solidaridad con otros secuestrados para que se les indemnice”.

“Esa suma que es astronómica y prácticamente absurda es simbólica, porque es muy



difícil pretender tasar el sufrimiento de las familias víctimas del terrorismo. Esa suma no representa nada per sé, es la posibilidad de darle legitimidad a la aspiración de indemnización a otras muchas familias que merecen ser indemnizadas”, dijo la noche del domingo.

La ex rehén de las FARC y sus familiares presentaron el

30 de junio dos solicitudes de conciliación extrajudicial, en las que pedían una compensación por los daños económicos y morales sufridos, lo que levantó una fuerte polémica en Colombia. Al ser interrogada sobre las reacciones adversas en su país, Betancourt admitió: “Si, me arrepiento de haberlo hecho”.

“Es doloroso saber que esa fue la impresión que tuvieron los colombianos. Quiero decirles que yo amo a mi patria y que me duele mucho lo que ha sucedido”, enfatizó la ex candidata presidencial colombiana desde un estudio de TV de Nueva York.

La ex rehén -que también tiene nacionalidad francesa- se quejó de desinformación y tergiversación en torno a su pedido. “Se me señaló como una persona imprudente y loca, es algo que me ha perseguido durante todos estos años. Ahora que estoy libre quería tener la posibilidad de compartir lo que viví”, dijo en medio de las lágrimas.

Betancourt criticó en particular al ex presidente Andrés Pastrana (1998-2002) por no haberle brindado seguridad cuando se dirigió hacia San Vicente del Caguán (sur), donde acababa de darse por terminado un intento de diálogo entre ese gobierno y las FARC, y subrayó que ella no fue “irresponsable” al desoír las recomendaciones para no continuar con ese viaje.

“Yo no fui irresponsable

ni entonces ni ahora. Ese gobierno me quitó los escoltas y los miembros del cuerpo de seguridad y tienen una responsabilidad en ello”, añadió Betancourt y subrayó que no recordaba haber firmado un documento en el que asumía la responsabilidad de proseguir con el viaje.

El gobierno colombiano así como diferentes sectores políticos, incluso varios ex rehenes de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), expresaron su rechazo por la solicitud de Ingrid Betancourt, rescatada el 2 de julio de 2008 en la Operación Jaque.

Betancourt, los estadounidenses Marc Gonsalves, Thomas Howes, y Keith Stansell y una docena de policías y militares colombianos fueron liberados en julio de 2008 tras un cinematográfico rescate por parte del Ejército colombiano.

Más de siete millones de personas en Colombia utilizan la red social Facebook

BOGOTÁ (AFP) - En Colombia hay 7,2 millones de usuarios de Facebook según un informe oficial del Ministerio de Tecnología de la Información y las Comunicaciones difundido el jueves, lo que la ubica en el puesto 12 a nivel mundial.

El sector de las telecomunicaciones en Colombia, que en 2009 generó ingresos por cerca de 10.500 millones de dólares, registró ese año 41,2 millones de abonados de telefonía móvil y 7,2 millones de usuarios de

Facebook según el informe. En cuanto a la utilización de las redes sociales, el informe indica que en Colombia hay 7.243.520 usuarios de Facebook, cifra que lo ubica en el puesto 12 a nivel mundial, con un incremento de 99,39% frente a los 3,6 millones de usuarios registrados en diciembre de 2008.

Según la lista difundida por el Ministerio, Estados Unidos es el país con mayor cantidad de usuarios de Facebook del mundo, mientras que en América Latina, Argentina se ubica

en el puesto 11, por delante de Colombia.

La investigación también señala que los ingresos generados por ese sector en 2010 aumentaron 2,01% respecto de 2009, destacándose el crecimiento de la telefonía móvil con ventas por 4,2 millones de dólares.

En ese sentido, el texto precisa que en Colombia existían a diciembre de 2009, 41,1 millones de abonados de telefonía móvil, de los cuales 27,6 millones pertenecen a la compañía Comcel del mexicano Carlos Slim.

Ecuador recibe dos nuevos aviones Supertucano desde Brasil

QUITO (AP) - La fuerza aérea ecuatoriana recibió el lunes dos aviones Supertucano en la base aérea de Manta, los cuales se suman a las 10 aeronaves que ha entregado la empresa brasileña Embraer, informó la vocera de la aeronáutica, capitana María Eugenia Naranjo.

En declaraciones telefónicas a la AP, dijo que “los dos aviones llegaron sin ninguna novedad, y con ellos completamos 12 aviones” de Brasil, al cual Ecuador decidió comprar 24 aviones de ese tipo en el 2008, por un monto total de 270 millones de dólares.

Añadió que los planes iniciales cambiaron y que ahora Ecuador únicamente adquirirá 18 aviones.

Con la compra de esas aeronaves, más lanchas rápidas, radares y equipo de transporte para el ejército, el gobierno del presidente Rafael Correa busca fortalecer el control fronterizo, decisión que adoptó tras el bombardeo no autorizado de militares colombianos sobre suelo ecuatoriano en marzo del 2008, para atacar un campamento de la guerrilla colombiana. Ecuador consideró que se vulneró su soberanía.



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